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芳玉が持ち込んだ難題、
それは新型生物兵器の廃棄。
死んだ恋人から託されたと
語る芳玉だったが……？

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たまに超能力や幽霊を題材にした話を描くが、どちらかというとそういう類のモノに懐疑的な方だ。特に幽霊はまるで信じてないといっていい。しかしそういう話を描くと、作者もそういうモノを信じているあるいは興味がある、ひょうとしたら霊能者ではないか、などと思われてしまうようで…。怪しげな会誌や、集会への招待状などが送られてくることがある……。

勘弁してください、僕は普通の人です。そういったモノに全然興味ないですから。

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Umibozu
Ryo's close friend, an ex-killer who became a cafe owner after losing his sight.

Shin-Han Liu
Previous member of Azure Dragon, has come to like "Glass Heart" during the training

Kaori Makimura
Ryo's beloved partner Passed away due to a traffic accident

Ryo Saeba
Commonly known as City Hunter, a professional killer who mainly uses guns (cleaner of the city's dirt and rubbish). He immediately becomes aroused when he sees a beautiful lady.

Fang-Yu Yang
Fought alongside Ryo back when he was in the militia. Took charge of dealing with a bio logical weapon

Miki
A young girl who brings good luck to those around her. Umibozu is entrusted to take care of her.

Saeka Nogami
A high ranked police officer of Shinjuku. Is an old acquaintance of Kaori and Ryo.

The Story Thus Far

A young girl, trained into a killing machine by a certain Taiwanese organization, tried killing herself, but was revived as the organization transplanted the heart of City Hunter's partner into her body. The revived and awakened Glass Heart, being affected by the heart's memory, left the organization and was lured to Shinjuku, where Ryo is.

After acquiring the name Shanin, Glass Heart began the job of City Hunter.

The female soldier who fought alongside Ryo back when he was in the militia has come to Japan. Although on the surface her search for Ryo seems to be out of quarreling, she possesses a lethal biological weapon that has a 90% death rate. Fang Yu explains that she accepted a contract in order to dispose of the virus made by a particular country. But now that she knows about a certain person called Shanin, would she not let Ryo get involved?

Shanin (Glass Heart)
A young girl trained into a killing machine by the organ ization. Left the organization after getting the heart trans plant of Kaori (who passed away in an accident)

Chapter 166 Could Love Save This World?

SIGN: Edo University, Tokyo Infectious Disease Research Clinic

HE DID IN FACT CONTACT ME PREVIOUSLY TO ENLIST MY HELP TO DEVELOP THE VACCINE... BUT I DIDN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES AT THAT TIME!
BUT PROFESSOR MUTOU... I'M THE CONTACT FROM T-COUNTRY... AND YOUR GOOD FRIEND REQUESTED THAT I BRING IT HERE. HE SAID THERE COULD BE SOME KIND OF WAY...

AFTER HANDING THIS TO ME... HE BURNED ALL SHREDS OF EVIDENCE TO PREVENT T-COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT FROM DISCOVERING THAT THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON HAD BEEN TAKEN...
HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.
SINCE IT'S JUST A WEAPON, THERE MUST BE A SHIELD THAT RENDERS ITS EFFECTS USELESS!
AT THIS MOMENT, T-COUNTRY HASN'T SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED A VACCINE...
...
IN ORDER TO TURN THIS INTO AN INEFFECTIVE WEAPON!
YOU UNDERSTAND? YOUR FRIEND GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR THIS!
flick flick flick
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE HERE!
I SAID ...
IF WE RESEARCH A VACCINE FASTER THAN T-COUNTRY AND ANNOUNCE IT PUBLICLY, THEN THIS TERRIFYING WEAPON WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT!

...
EVEN IF WE COULD GATHER ALL OF TOKYO'S INTERNATIONALLY FAMED INFECTIOUS DISEASE ACADEMICS, IT'D TAKE MAYBE ONE OR TWO YEARS TO DEVELOP!
WE'D NEED SEVERAL RESEARCH ACADEMICS, A HUGE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND MONEY— IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS YOU THINK!
Gyo
... WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ...
ANYWAY, I PERSONALLY DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY GOVERNMENT DISPUTES, I STILL WANT TO CONTINUE WITH MY RESEARCH! NOW, IF YOU COULD PLEASE...
WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS!?

...
SO...
THAT'S HOW IT WAS, HUH...
THAT'S THE OTHER REASON YOU CAME TO JAPAN.
THE SCHOLAR WHO WAS YOUR CONTRACT COULD ONLY BURN IT.
I say let it go and just dump it!
...

THIS VIRUS WAS ONLY A PART THAT I GOT...
T-COUNTRY WOULD TAKE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS TO DEVELOP A VACCINE.
AND THEN IT'LL OFFICIALLY BECOME A WEAPON! WHAT HAPPENS IF IT GETS USED IN A BATTLEFIELD?

I WON'T LET ANY COUNTRY GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS DEMONIC WEAPON!
I DON'T TRUST ANY COUNTRY. THEY'LL DEFINITELY KEEP IT AND TURN IT INTO A WEAPON.

BUT EVEN IF THEY MAKE THAT KIND OF WEAPON, THEY WON'T ADMIT IT...
CERTAINLY POSSIBLE FOR T-COUNTRY. LET'S MAKE NO EXCEPTIONS.

HMPH! HAND IT TO THE AMERICAN-OWNED JAPAN?
WHY DON'T WE HAND IT TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT? LET THEM HANDLE IT.

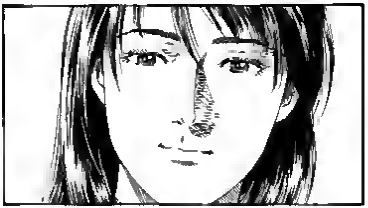
WHO WAS IT THAT OVER-REACTED TO SHANIN'S FLU?
...?
YOU WOULD STARE IN THE FACE OF DANGER FOR YOUR CHILD, RIGHT?
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT AND WHATEVER, THIS KINDA HARD TASK ISN'T UP TO YOU TO HANDLE ALONE
WHY ARE YOU SO AGITATED, FANG-YU ...?
AIN'T YOU SOMEONE'S FATHER?
I DON'T... WANT TO SEE THEM LIKE THAT...
IF THIS VIRUS WAS TO BE USED, THEN EVERY CHILD'S PARENTS WILL HAVE THE SAME SENSE OF FEAR...
YOU... COULDN'T HAVE... A CHILD?

I ALREADY KNOW YOUR LINE OF THINKING.
YOU CAN'T CALL YOURSELF SOMEONE'S FATHER! YOU'RE IN THE SAME PACK AS THOSE PROFESSORS!
HEY... FANG-YU!
I'LL PROTECT OUR CHILDREN ...

WHATTA YA MEAN BY OUR! OUR?
HEY, FANG-YU——!
CHILD-REN...?
OUR ...
HOWZAT? CUTE, RIGHT?

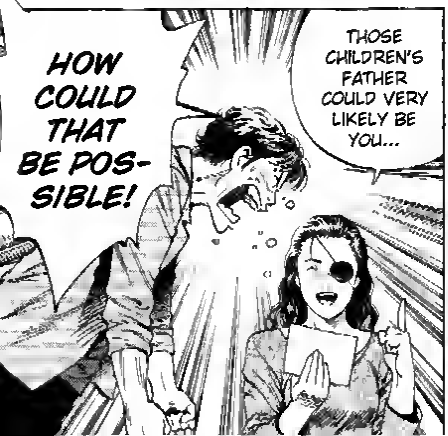
AND YOU ADOPTED ALL OF THEM?
...
YEAH ...
MS. YANG'S KIDS?
ARE THEY ...
YEAH, THEY'RE BATTLEFIELD ORPHANS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES.
THESE CHILDREN ARE MY TREASURES ...
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO ENSURE THEIR HAPPINESS!

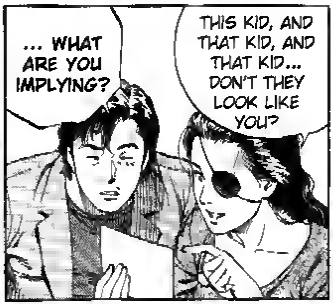
JEEZ! "OUR CHILDREN"? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU BELIEVE IT!



THEY'RE THE ORPHANS FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WE WERE IN.

BUT IF YOU TAKE A LOOK YOURSELF...


HOW COULD THAT BE POSSIBLE!
THOSE CHILDREN'S FATHER COULD VERY LIKELY BE YOU...


... WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING?
THIS KID, AND THAT KID, AND THAT KID... DON'T THEY LOOK LIKE YOU?

I... I'M JUST SAYIN'...
CAN YOU BE SO CERTAIN? AFTER ALL YOU WERE KNOWN AS THE MOKKORI WOLF OF THE BATTLE-FIELD!
NO... BECAUSE ...
Hello...
Child present here...
HOW MANY... OR SHOULD I ASK, HOW MANY TENS OR HUNDREDS OF WOMEN HAVE YOU SLEPT WITH?
...
CAN. YOU. BE. SO. CERTAIN. ...?
YOU'RE THE REASON WHY I MISSED THE CHANCE OF HAVING MY OWN BIOLOGICAL CHILD!
I ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU WOULD WAIT, BUT IN THE END MY MARRIAGE-ABLE AGE PASSED.
I WANTED TO HAVE MANY CHILDREN... THAT'S WHY I ADOPTED! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
A.N.D. ...
I CAN'T BE CERTAIN ABOUT ALL
THAT'S ONE POINT
THE REASON WHY I COULDN'T EVER MARRY, IS BECAUSE OF YOU...
TWITCH
Ah

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'M THEIR MOTHER! THAT'S WHY THEY'RE COUNTED AS YOUR CHILDREN!
THEREFORE, THEY'RE OUR CHILDREN!
WHAT? YOU RUINED MY ENTIRE LIFE, HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY?
HA... HAHA HAH...
...
AREN'T YOU TWISTIN' IT A LOT ...
BY THAT LOGIC, DOESN'T THAT MAKE THEM MY SIBLINGS?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ALSO MY CHILD!
THAT MAKES ME YOUR MOTHER!
DID A ROCK FLY IN AND HIT YOU IN THE HEAD ...
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
... MAMA ...?

THIS WOMAN IS PUSHY...
HAHA HAHHA...
BUT...
MUGYUU...
THAT'S RIGHT, CALL ME MAMA!
Always creating a mess...
TCH... SHE WANTS TO ENTICE AH-SHAN AGAIN.
NO... I LIKE HER...
I DON'T MIND IT.
FOR OUR CHILDREN...
I'LL HELP YOU.
ALRIGHT, ALRIIIGHT, I KNOW.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

HEY, HEY!
OH YEAH? WELL, SINCE YOU SAID IT SO NICELY, I GUESS I'LL LET YOU HELP!
NO THANKS, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET ME SLEEP IN PEACE AND QUIET!
SO TO THANK YOU, I'LL LET YOU TREAT ME LIKE A QUEEN TONIGHT!
chirp
chirp
chirp
DELICIOUS, RIGHT? BUT... YOU SHOULD CALL ME MAMA.
DELICIOUS! SO YOU CAN COOK, MS. YANG!
... AND SO, THE SITE WAS FRANTICLY BEING EXTINGUISHED...
...
Keep talkin'...

ASSEMBLE? HEY... TALK IS CHEAP. HOW'RE YOU THINKING OF DOING THAT?
WELL, THAT... IN ORDER TO CREATE A VACCINE WE NEED TO ASSEMBLE UP A LOTTA RESEARCH SCHOLARS...
WHO KNOWS... Gonna be lunch soon...
WHASSA MATTER, RYO? A MAN LIKE YOU AFRAID THAT YOU CAN'T MAKE A BREAKFAST LIKE THIS?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP WITH?
THAT AIN'T IMPOR-TANT, YOU...
THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD FROM THEM AFTER LEAVING THE HOTEL THIS MORNING.
THESE TWELVE MEMBERS ARE PROMINENT RESEARCHERS AND PROFESSORS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES
...
THIS IS THE SITE WHERE THE TOKYO INTER-NATIONAL INFEC-TIOUS DISEASE CONFERENCE IS HELD
THE SECOND DAY OF THE CONFERENCE IS OVER, AND TWELVE MEMBERS HAVE STILL YET TO ARRIVE, THEIR WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

YEP, I PUT THE ORDER OUT FOR THEM TO BE KIDNAPPED.
THIS... CAN'T BE...
... HEY, FANG-YU ...
WE GOT OUR RESEARCHERS, ALL WE NEED NOW IS A PLACE AND CASH.
HOW IS THIS MANIAC ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE COUNTRY WHO MADE THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE FIRST PLACE...?
YOU RECKON WE SHOULD ROB A BANK, RYO?
THIS CASE IS BEING TREATED AS BOTH A STANDALONE KIDNAPPING AND AS POSSIBLY PART OF ANOTHER CASE

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...
KIDNAPPING AND COERCING US TO MAKE YOU A VACCINE...
AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE'D POSSIBLY HELP A PERSON LIKE YOU!?
I SAY YOU'RE COMPLETELY MAD!
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE ALL STILL QUITE AGITATED. THERE AIN'T NO WAY THAT YOU CAN DISCUSS THIS CALMLY
...EVERYONE...
PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH AND THE THINGS WE DISCUSSED, AND PONDER ON WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IN THIS WORLD.
PROFESSOR MUTOU, THE FINER DETAILS I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU YESTERDAY.
I-IOH
...
SO AFTER A COUPLE DAYS WHEN YOU'VE CALMED DOWN, WE'LL TALK.
HEY... HEY WAIT!

YES MA'AM!
TREAT THE PROFESSORS WITH CARE.

FANG-YU ...
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.
...

LET'S GET US SOME FUNDS!
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY TO CONVINCE THOSE ACADEMICS, AND THAT PLAN OF YOURS IS IMPOSSIBLE..

...
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY PLANNING ON ROBBING A BANK?
多摩特急便
... WELL
WITH THAT KIND OF OUTFIT ...
IT'S MORE LIKE TEARING DOWN A BANK...

IF YOU OPEN UP THAT LAP-TOP AND SEE, THERE'S AN EVEN SIMPLER JOB WAITIN' FOR US!
I AIN'T GOIN' BE DOING ANYTHING THAT UNDISCIPLINED!
SOME ARABIAN OIL BARON'S DUMB KID, ELAN DAYAN.
AND WHO'S THIS?

GET HIM OUT AND SHIP HIM HOME BEFORE WORD GETS OUT.
SO HIS PARENTS CONTRACTED ME A JOB.
IF WORD GETS OUT, IT'LL BE A FAMILY DISGRACE.
THOUGH HE'S IN JAPAN ON HIS OWN IN SECRET... HE GOT BUSTED BY COPS A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO WHEN HE WAS HAVIN' A RAVE PARTY WITH SOME DRUG FELONS
AFTER THAT'S DONE, IT'S TEN BILLION IN THE BANK.. SHOULD BE ENOUGH FUNDS-
...
AND EVERY-ONE'S INVITED ...
WE'RE GOIN' TO JAIL TO VISIT HIM.
WHOA... WAIT... ISN'T HE ARRESTED! SO THEN...
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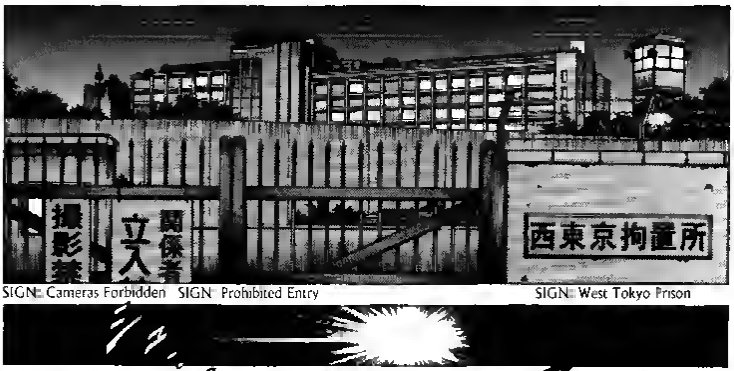

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CHARGE!
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NOW AIN'T THE TIME FOR ADMIRATION! HURRY OR THERE'LL BE BLOOD-SHED!
THAT'S AWESOME! MS. YANG ...
...

They've already started!
WE'LL WATCH AND MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T GO OVER THE TOP!
LET'S GO!
...!
...!
...!

INCREDIBLE! TAKING CONTROL SO QUICKLY...
IT'S EITHER FANG-YU'S SOLDIERS ARE SO DAMNED PRO, OR THE JAPANESE POLICE ARE USELESS...
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS ELAN?

MY POPS ...!
COME WITH ME!
YOUR FATHER CONTRACTED ME TO COME.
M ME...?
I SEE, I SEE. SO THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE. DOGS FED BY MY POPS! WELL, GOOD WORK.
HEH ...
... FRIEND?
OH YEAH, THERE'S A FRIEND HERE THAT CAN COME ALONG.
HEY, COME ON OVER! I MET THIS GUY HERE, HE AIN'T TOO BAD.
HEH HEH HEH ...

YOU... WHATCHA HERE FOR...?
...
THANKS LADY, GUESS I'LL HAFTA TROUBLE YA, HEH HEH HEH...
THIS MANY... HEH HEH HEH...
RAPE.
R...
NO WONDER YOUR LAUGH'S LIKE A LITTLE BITCH.
...
HUH?

FANG ...!
YOU ...
WHAT THE HELL ...

FANG-YU ...!
SO I GUESS WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT BEASTS HANGIN' 'ROUND EACH OTHER IS TRUE
WHOA ...
QUIT... QUIT FOOLING AROUND ...
I'LL TELL POPS... AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE TROUBLE THAT'LL CAUSE...?

YOUR PARENTS CONTRACTED ME TO RESCUE YOUR SORRY ASS.. BUT IF THINGS TURN SOUR ..
GUESS I SHOULD 'SPLAIN SOMETHIN'.
NO... NO... DON'T...
THEN I'LL HAVE TO KILL YA ...
EEP!
HYAA ...
BANG!

ROT IN HERE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
THE BATTLE'S OVER, LET'S LEAVE!
... SO AWESOME ... ♡
... JUST ...
AHRM!
AHEM!
HEHE HEHE...
AHEH ...

I DON'T ACCEPT JOBS THAT DON'T MATCH MY STYLE.
WE'LL THINK OF ANOTHER WAY FOR THE CASH.
IS THIS FOR THE BEST, FANG-YU?
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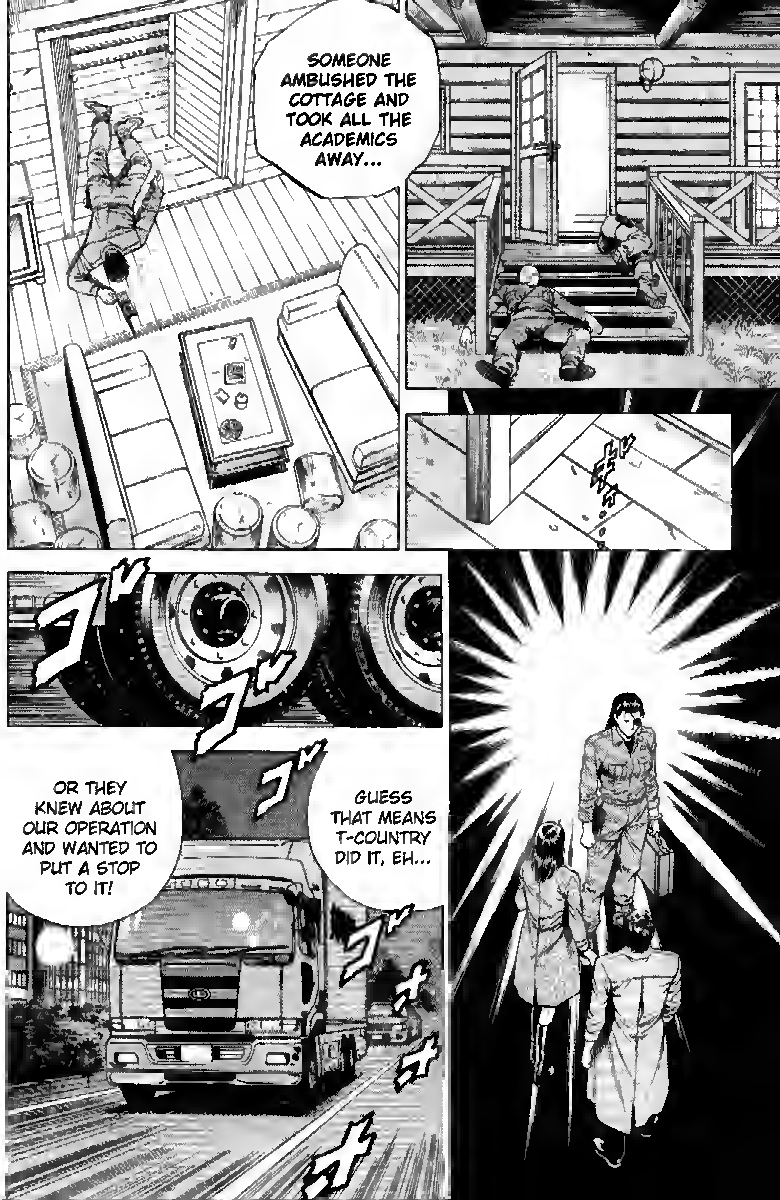
BEEP BEEP
…
She really is awesome.
THE COTTAGE WAS ATTACKED …
IT'S ME… WHAT IS IT?


SOMEONE AMBUSHED THE COTTAGE AND TOOK ALL THE ACADEMICS AWAY...
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GUESS THAT MEANS T-COUNTRY DID IT, EH...
OR THEY KNEW ABOUT OUR OPERATION AND WANTED TO PUT A STOP TO IT!
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DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU TREMBLE WITH EXCITEMENT, FIGHTIN' AN ENTIRE COUNTRY?
...
WE FACE THEM...
...
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW... FANG-YU?
FU FU FU... TONIGHT I MIGHT BE TOO EXCITED TO EVEN SLEEP!
IN THIS KINDA SITUATION, THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD SAY THAT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD WOULD BE YOU, IDIOT.
AHH, WHATTA SHAME, I'M COMPLEEETELY BOOKED TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT!
SO WHAT ABOUT IT, RYO? COMIN' TONIGHT?
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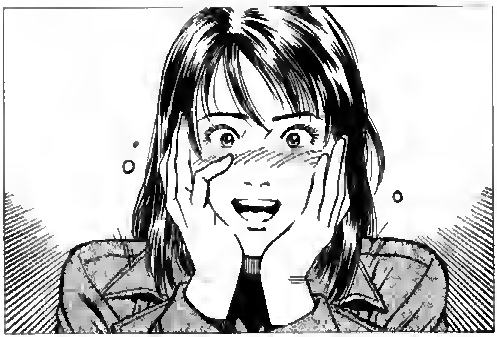

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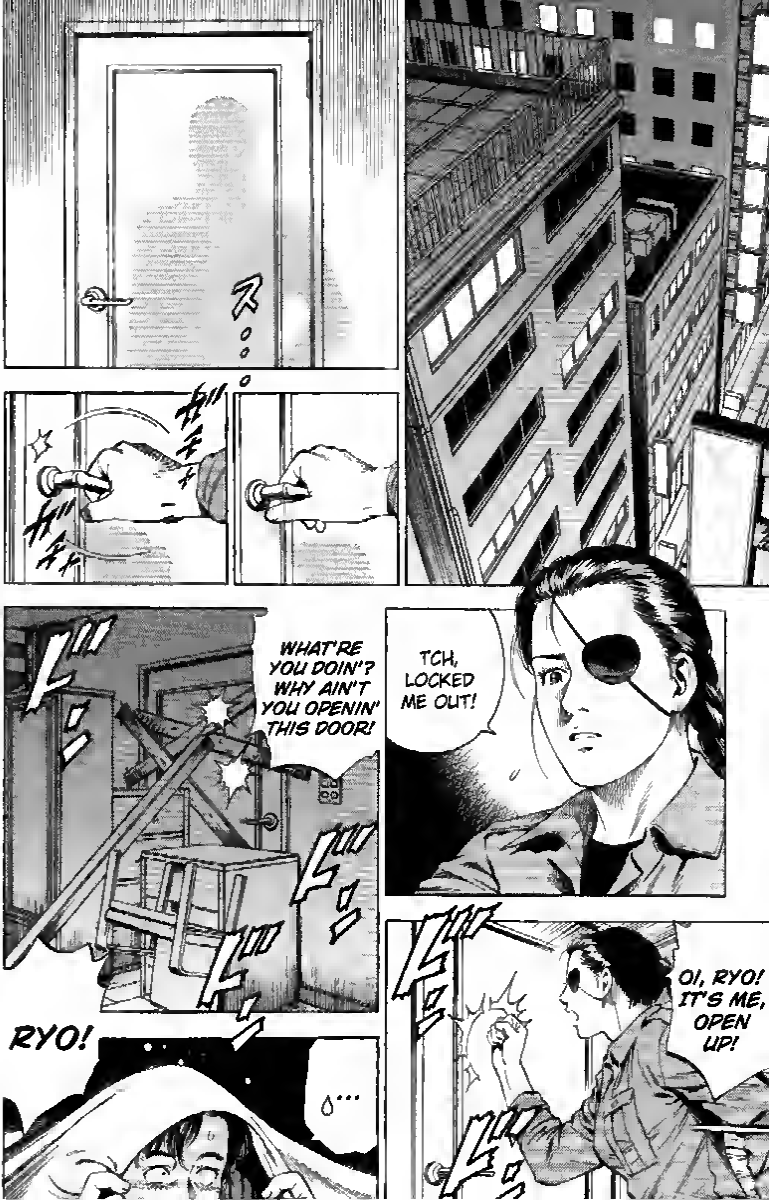
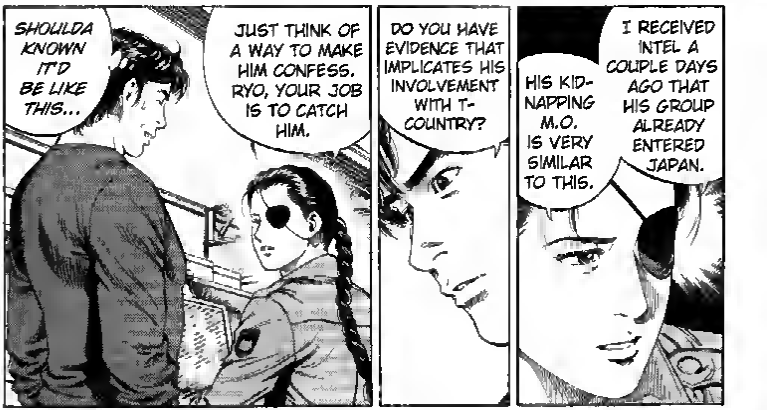
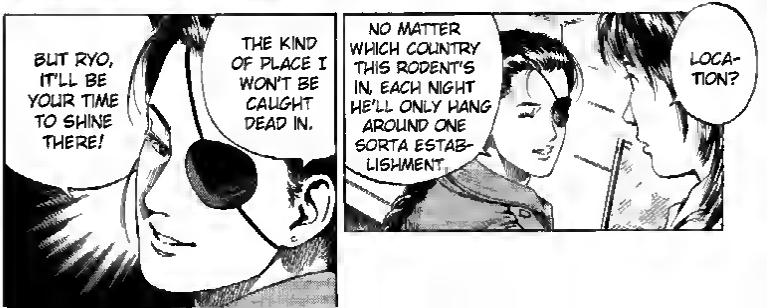

ス。。
TCH, LOCKED ME OUT!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'? WHY AIN'T YOU OPENIN' THIS DOOR!
OI, RYO! IT'S ME, OPEN UP!
RYO!
。。。

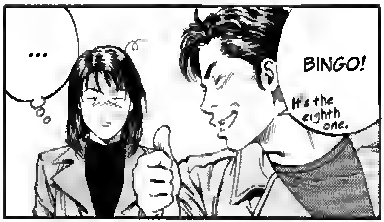
RYO-PAPA, WHAT'S WRONG?
!?
WHY AIN'T YOU OPENIN' THE DOOR IF YOU'RE INSIDE!
NAH... I KNEW YOU'D FIND YOUR OWN WAY IN...
HAHAH HA...
...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT HE'S THE ONE WHO TOOK THE ACADEMICS FROM THE COTTAGE?
BUT HE'S A SECOND STRINGER.
WE'RE IN THE SAME BUSINESS, HE'S A CAPTAIN OF A MILITIA GROUP.
THIS RODENT IS MAX NEUMANN.


SHOULDA KNOWN IT'D BE LIKE THIS...
JUST THINK OF A WAY TO MAKE HIM CONFESS. RYO, YOUR JOB IS TO CATCH HIM.
DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT IMPLICATES HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH T-COUNTRY?
HIS KIDNAPPING M.O. IS VERY SIMILAR TO THIS.
I RECEIVED INTEL A COUPLE DAYS AGO THAT HIS GROUP ALREADY ENTERED JAPAN.


BUT RYO, IT'LL BE YOUR TIME TO SHINE THERE!
THE KIND OF PLACE I WON'T BE CAUGHT DEAD IN.
NO MATTER WHICH COUNTRY THIS RODENT'S IN, EACH NIGHT HE'LL ONLY HANG AROUND ONE SORTA ESTABLISHMENT.
LOCATION?

Papa's time to...?
?
GADA
GADA
B1
SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING, THE NEXT ROUND HAS JUST BEGUN!
LET THE CUTIES FEEL THE HIGH ALL OVER THEIR BODIES! YAAAY!
YOU SURE IT'S THIS BASTARD?


...
BINGO!
It's the eighth one.

IS WHERE PAPA "SHINES" ...?
THIS SORT OF PLACE...

YEAH! DO YOU FEEL IT!? ARE YOU HIGH!?
OH YEAH, IT'S HIM.
...

ヒソヒソ
OHH, C'MON, RYO! YOU CAN'T CHOOSE OTHER GIRLS BESIDES ME! ♡

YOU IDIOT, THAT'S JUST FANG-YU'S WAY OF JOKING...

...
ううっ。

AWWRIGHT, EVERYONE'S HAD A GREAT TIME! NOW HANG IN THERE AND WAIT FOR THE NEXT ROUND...!

WHEN'S THE GAL I ORDERED GONNA ARRIVE!
WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?

ス…ヒ

WHASSA MATTER? YOU LOOK LIKE I'M GONNA MAKE YOU FEEL REAL GOOD SOON, COME ON OVER HERE!

…

FINALLY LET YOU OUT THEN, HUH?
HOOWAH… THEY HAD SUCH A CUTIE PIE 'ROUND HERE!?

WHAT'S THE RUSH...! WE'VE ONLY JUST STARTED...
HEY... HEY! ♡
ス...
HEY, WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S WITH THIS TOY GUN HERE...
CAN'T YOU TELL IF IT'S A REAL OF FAKE?
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A PROFES-SIONAL!

ALL YOU HAVE TA DO IS TO PLEASE ME, AND YOU CAN HAVE WHATEVER YOU WANT! OR WE CAN GO OUTSIDE!
WAIT... WAIT! STOP JOKING AROUND, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MONEY? I'LL GIVE YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
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WAAAH! HOT!
so it's a lighter!

SIGN: Operating Room

SIGN: Flower Garden Clinic

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT WITH ME!

YOU TALKIN' 'BOUT WILLIS...? HAHAHA-HAHA...
WHAT ...
MAX, QUIT PLAYING THE FOOL! WHERE ARE THE ACADEMICS? ARE YOU WITH T-COUNTRY?

IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE THE ONE THAT'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU TALK
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KINDA MIS-UNDERSTANDIN' WE HAVE, BUT IF YOU LET ME GO, I'LL FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE!
WE MIGHT'VE HAD OUR RUN-INS BEFORE, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BATTLEFIELD STAYS IN THE BATTLEFIELD.
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO ASK YOU,
...

SORRY, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS A SURGERY THAT'S GONNA TURN YOU INTO A WOMAN.
THIS IS AN ANAES-THETIC.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...
THIS HOSPITAL HAS A HIGHLY SKILLED PLASTIC SURGEON THAT'S GONNA TURN YOU INTO A WOMAN FROM THE TOE UP, EXCEPT FOR THE HEAD.
CUTTING THAT PART OFF, AND GET YOU SOME GIANT BOOBS YOU LOVE SO MUCH, SON.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE HAPPY? WHY NOT BE-COME A WOMAN SINCE YOU LOVE WOMEN SO MUCH?
'CEPT YOU CAN'T EVER SLEEP WITH A WOMAN, 'COS YOUR BODY'S GONNA BE 100% BONA FIDE WOMAN
...
YOU CAN ONLY BE IN THE COMPANY OF MEN... AIN'T THAT ANNOYING... AND HAVING A BRAIN OF A MAN...!

THAT'S THE WORST HELL A MAN CAN EVER EXPERIENCE ...
WAAH... THAT'S SO TERRIBLE!
I'M A TOP TIER PRO... I AIN'T AFRAID OF YOUR THREATS.
FEH.
I AIN'T THREATENING YOU! I DO WHAT I SAY!
WAAAAAHHHHHH!
BOOM!
GOODBYE, MAX. NEXT TIME WE MEET WE'LL FACE EACH OTHER AS WOMEN. ♡
I AIN'T KIDDING! THIS'LL RUIN A MAN'S LIFE FOREVER!
SHE'S DEFINITELY THAT KINDA PERSON!

WAI... WAIT!
IT WEREN'T T-COUNTRY THAT CONTRACTED ME!
...
I'M A TOP TIER PRO! HOW CAN I SAY THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO CONTRACTED ME!
BUT... BUT YOU... YOU'RE GIVIN' ME NO CHOICE!
!!...GH!

IT'S TRUE, I AIN'T LYIN'!
...
WELL... ISN'T THIS INTEREST-ING...
HEY... LET ME GO, YEAH... PLEASE!
WELL THEN ...
JUST ...
KILL ...
ME ...
WAAA AARRR RHHH!
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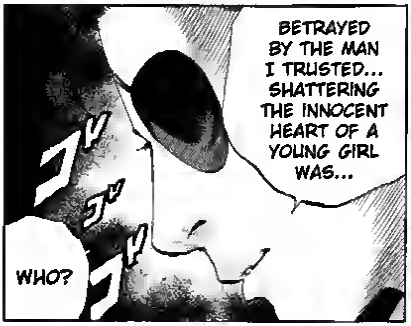
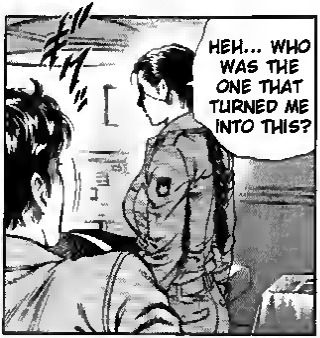
NOOOPE!

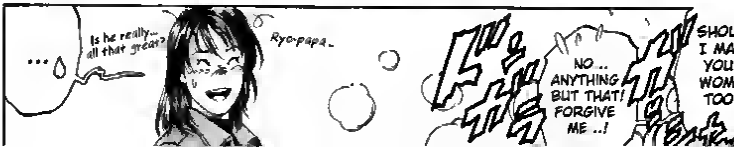
IS THERE NO COM-PASSION FROM YOU AT ALL, WOMAN...
SO CRUEL ...


BETRAYED BY THE MAN I TRUSTED... SHATTERING THE INNOCENT HEART OF A YOUNG GIRL WAS...
WHO?


HEH... WHO WAS THE ONE THAT TURNED ME INTO THIS?

WAAAA AAAAH!
THIS IS ALL DONE BY YOUR HAND!

AH... NO, FANG-YU... THAT'S ...!
WHO WAS IT THAT MADE ME NEVER TRUST MEN...


...
Is he really... all that great?
Ryo-papa...
NO .. ANYTHING BUT THAT! FORGIVE ME ..!
SHOULD I MAKE YOU A WOMAN TOO!?

ARGH ...
... ARGH!
MY HEAD ...
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IT... IT'S STILL THERE...
THANK... THANK GOD ...
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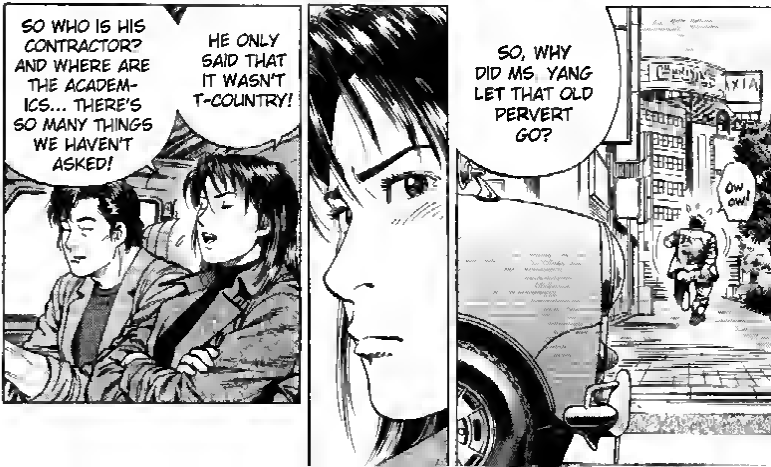
It'll be gone next time!
Fang-Yu Yang

Chapter 169 The Invisible Man Appears!

I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN THE FAVOR!
DAMN IT... THAT BITCH YANG! MAKIN' ME GO THROUGH THAT HUMILIATION!
Haa ...
Haa ...
Hii...
BETTER WATCH OUT...
OW!
MY ASS FEELS FUNNY...


SO WHO IS HIS CONTRACTOR? AND WHERE ARE THE ACADEMICS... THERE'S SO MANY THINGS WE HAVEN'T ASKED!
HE ONLY SAID THAT IT WASN'T T-COUNTRY!
SO, WHY DID MS. YANG LET THAT OLD PERVERT GO?
OW, OW!

...?
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SHE'S THOUGHT OF A MUCH EASIER WAY
THAT CRAZY WOMAN'S ACTUALLY AFRAID OF GETTING IN MESSES
...

CHEN...
SAY THAT...
CHEN, DON'T YOU DARE...
EVEN IF I HAFTA SACRIFICE MY LIFE, I'LL GET IT OVER TO JAPAN.
...
I'M SO SORRY...
FANG-YU, DON'T YOU DARE...

THANK YOU...
CHEN...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR LETTING YOU GO THROUGH WITH SUCH A DANGEROUS JOB.
SO WHO'S THIS CHEN GUY TO YOU?
!!
... SO THAT'S THE GUY'S NAME?
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!!
QUIT GUESSIN'! HE'S ONLY...
AH...! COULD HE BE YOUR BOYFRIEND?
HOW... HOW COULD YOU PEEK LIKE THAT?

IT AIN'T ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!
OOHHH ...!
ANYWAY... HE AIN'T WITH THE LIVIN'.
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HE'S THE CONTRACTOR WHO HANDED ME THE VIRUS.
...
THEN... HE'S THE GUY FROM T-COUNTRY WHO DEVELOPED THE WEAPON...
IF WE CAN RESOLVE THIS THING...
IT'LL COMFORT CHEN UP IN HEAVEN... WELL, THAT'S HOW I THINK ANYWAY...
...

HMPH... MAX'S OUT TO SEA!
ASS... MAX IS A STUBBORN RAT.
I SHOVED A GPS RIGHT UP HIS ASS.
MAX... THEN THIS...
SO AIN'T IT EASIER .. TO HAVE HIM SHOW US TO THE PUPPET MASTER BY HIMSELF?

DIDN'T KNOW YANG COULD BE THAT NICE!
HEH HEH HEH NOBOOY FOLLOWING ME...
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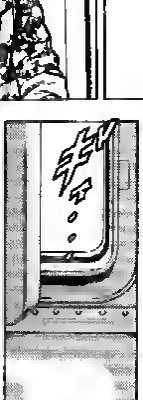
AND ...
SHE'LL REGRET LETTIN' ME OFF THE HOOK!

THAT MORON HASN'T FIGURED OUT I GOT A BUG ON HIM.
I'M BACK!
IT'S ME!
AND THE FINAL POSITION HAS STOPPED AT TOKYO HARBOUR...
SHOULD BE... AND IF THE GUY PULLIN' THE STRINGS HAS THE ACADEMICS STORED THERE, IT'LL BE ALL THE EASIER
GUESS IT'S A BOAT...
SO THAT'S THEIR HIDEOUT ...

TONIGHT WE'LL AMBUSH YANG, AND TAKE THE BRIEFCASE WITH THE VIRUS!

I KNOW WHERE SHE IS, AND IT'LL BE HER FUNERAL, HEH HEH HEH..
...



OF COURSE.
GOOD, I'LL LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE GOOD NEWS.

WELCOME, EVERYONE...
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PAR-DON?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY...
I APOLOGISE FOR HAVING YOU ALL CRAMPED UP IN SUCH A SMALL PLACE AFTER SPECIFICALLY INVITING YOU ALL HERE.
WHO ARE YOU . AND WHAT HAVE YOU GOT PLANNED FOR US!?

GOOD GUESS! THE ACADEMICS ARE THERE!
THAT VOICE MUST BE THE MAN RUNNING THE SHOW, FANG-YU!
MS. YANG ...
THAT VOICE...
...
I'VE RESCUED YOU FROM HOUSE ARREST IN THAT COTTAGE ...
AND I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU ALL INTO RICH MEN!
OH, HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT.

HER REQUEST IS THE SAME AS MINE...
OH... THAT YANG WOMAN WHO KIDNAPPED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE...
INTO RICH MEN... WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME ...
WHO ARE YOU...
FOR YOU TO MAKE A VACCINE FOR THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON...
PROFESSOR MUTOU.
LONG TIME NO SEE... PROFESSOR. IT'S ME.

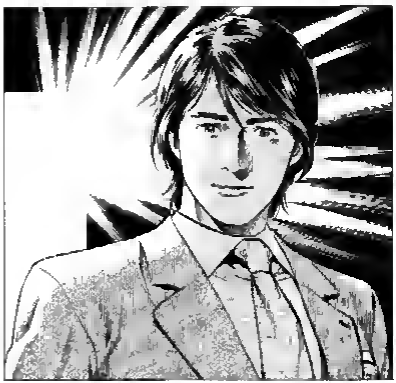
PROFESSOR CHEN!
PR...
...

I'VE NEVER DIED... AS YOU CAN SO PLAINLY SEE.
WEREN'T YOU... DEAD...
YOU ...
EVERYONE, LET'S GET BACK ON TOPIC!
...
... RYO-PAPA...
SO HE'S THE ONE BEHIND IT ALL... FANG-YU!
CHEN... THE PERSON WHO PIONEERED THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON FOR T-COUNTRY...

...
PAPA... THERE'S NO PULSE...
FANG ...!?
COULD IT BE... YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH THAT BASTARD?

KEH!
KEHA... HAH!
HM?
HEH, IT SEEMS THAT YOU GOT YOURSELF USED BY THAT BASTARD.
AH... SHE'S ALIVE AGAIN.

WHAT'S THAT JUNK ABOUT "FOR THE KIDS"! YOU GOT YOURSELF CONNED BY SOME GUY TO RISK YOUR LIFE!
YOU REALLY ARE THE WORST JUDGE OF CHARACTER FOR MEN!
AH...
AND... WHOSE FAULT ...?
WHO STARTED IT ALL... MADE ME INTO THIS KINDA WOMAN!
JUST WHO DID THIS...?
AIN'T IT YOU WHO DID THIS...!
WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS!
FOR SURE IT WAS YOU...
Sigh..
...
WHO'D WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU, YOU HAVE TO BE DREAMING!



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Yang, Begin the Operation!

... THIS SHIP HAS EVERYTHING WE NEED.
WE CAN CONDUCT RESEARCH HERE TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT.
...

THAT THIS SHIP HAS SUCH RESEARCH FACILITIES ...
... IT'S INCONCEIV-ABLE...
...
ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP PHAR-MACEUTICAL COMPANIES.
ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT... YOU COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS ON YOUR OWN... WHO IS YOUR BACKER?
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE VIRUS BLUEPRINT TONIGHT.
I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT MUCH.
ONCE WE HAVE THE VIRUS, THE SHIP WILL BE TAKEN OUT TO SEA.
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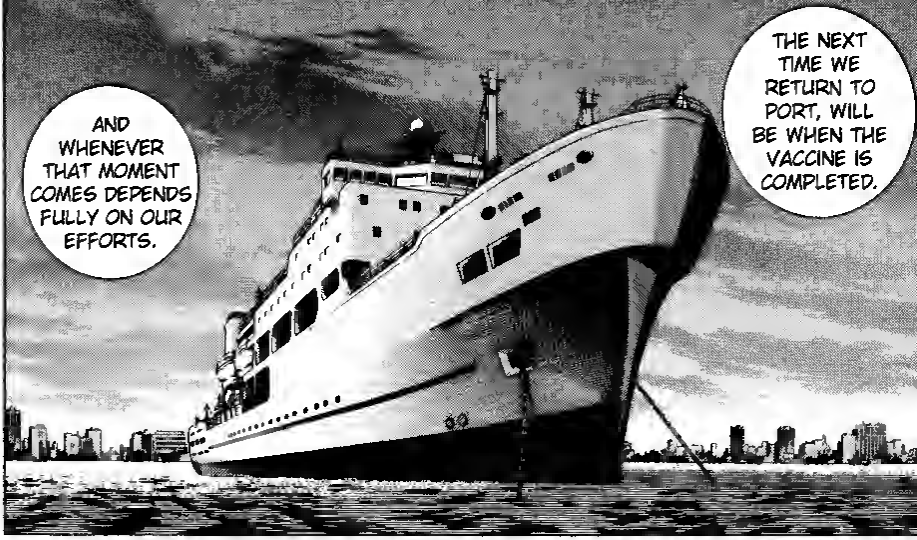
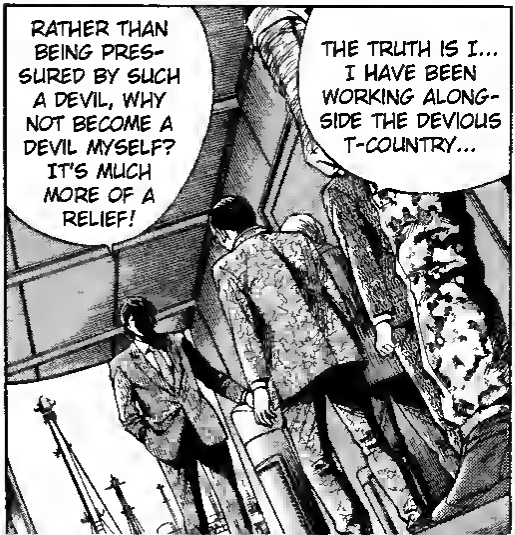

AND WHENEVER THAT MOMENT COMES DEPENDS FULLY ON OUR EFFORTS.
THE NEXT TIME WE RETURN TO PORT, WILL BE WHEN THE VACCINE IS COMPLETED.

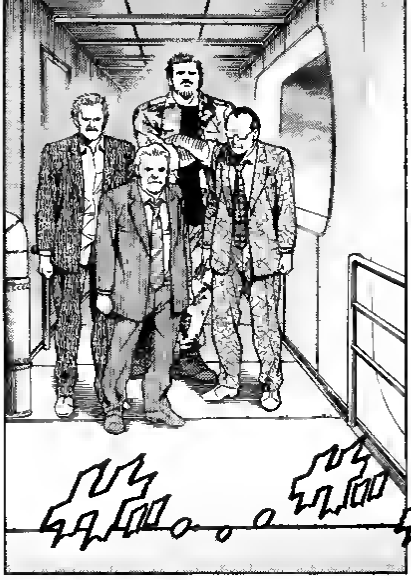
NOW THEN, SAY THAT YOU WANT TO COOPERATE ...

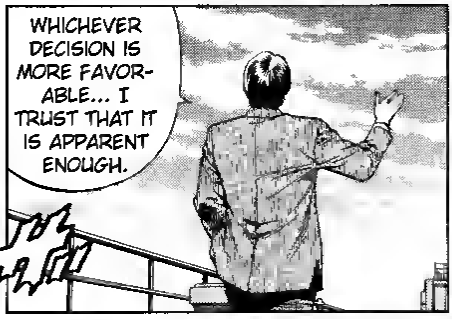
SO DON'T WASTE EACH OTHER'S TIME.

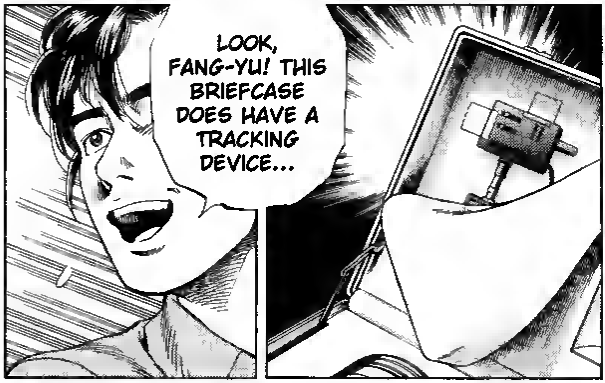

RATHER THAN BEING PRESSURED BY SUCH A DEVIL, WHY NOT BECOME A DEVIL MYSELF? IT'S MUCH MORE OF A RELIEF!
THE TRUTH IS I... I HAVE BEEN WORKING ALONGSIDE THE DEVIOUS T-COUNTRY...

PROFESSOR CHEN! WHATEVER POSSESSED YOU TO BECOME A DEVIL?
WHAT ...

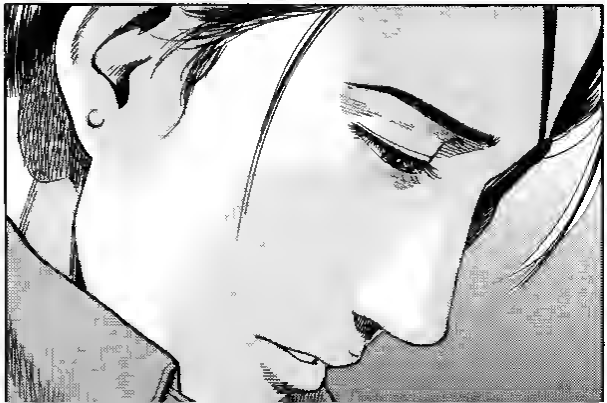
WE ONLY HAVE THIS THAT IS OF VALUE, SO WE MUST USE IT TO THE FULLEST!
THERE ARE NO DRAMAS FINDING BUSINESS IN THIS!
IN ORDER TO FACE THE DEVIL'S TEMPTATIONS, THERE'S PLENTY OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE THAN A COUNTRY!
THAT'S ENOUGH ...
THEN DON'T THINK OF EVER SETTING FOOT ON THE SOIL OF THE MOTHERLAND AGAIN...
BUT... IF YOU AREN'T WILLING TO HELP...
I'LL LET YOU CONSIDER THIS UNTIL WE DISEMBARK, SO USE THIS PERIOD TO DISCUSS THIS AMONGST YOURSELVES!




WHICHEVER DECISION IS MORE FAVORABLE... I TRUST THAT IT IS APPARENT ENOUGH.


LOOK, FANG-YU! THIS BRIEFCASE DOES HAVE A TRACKING DEVICE...

FOUND IT!



I'M NOT SURE IF HER COOL'S BACK ... OR IF HER ANGER'S REACHED BOILING POINT...
SHE LOOKS CALM ON THE SURFACE... BUT THAT'S WHEN A WOMAN IS SCARIEST.
FANG-YU'S OPERATIONS WERE REVEALED BECAUSE OF THIS TRACKING DEVICE, SO ALL THE ACADEMICS AT THE COTTAGE...
UH, RI-RIGHT ...
SO IT SEEMS LIKE FANG-YU GOT USED TO SMUGGLE THE VIRUS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AND NOW THEY PLAN TO GET IT BACK...
I CAN SCARCELY CONTAIN THESE FEELINGS ...
AHHH... MY BELOVED,
WERE FOUND BY THEM...

AT THE MOMENT I DECIDED TO DIE... I MET SOMEONE WHO I FELL IN LOVE WITH UNCONTROLLABLY!
FATE IS A CRUEL MISTRESS.
YOU HAVE MY HEART MESMERISED LIKE MAGIC!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN THE NEXT LIFE...
SO...
I CANNOT CHANGE FATE...
...
... THEY'RE PLANNING ON RETRIEVING THE VIRUS TONIGHT WITH THE TRACKING DEVICE.

IT WAS ALL...
LIES ...
LIAR ...
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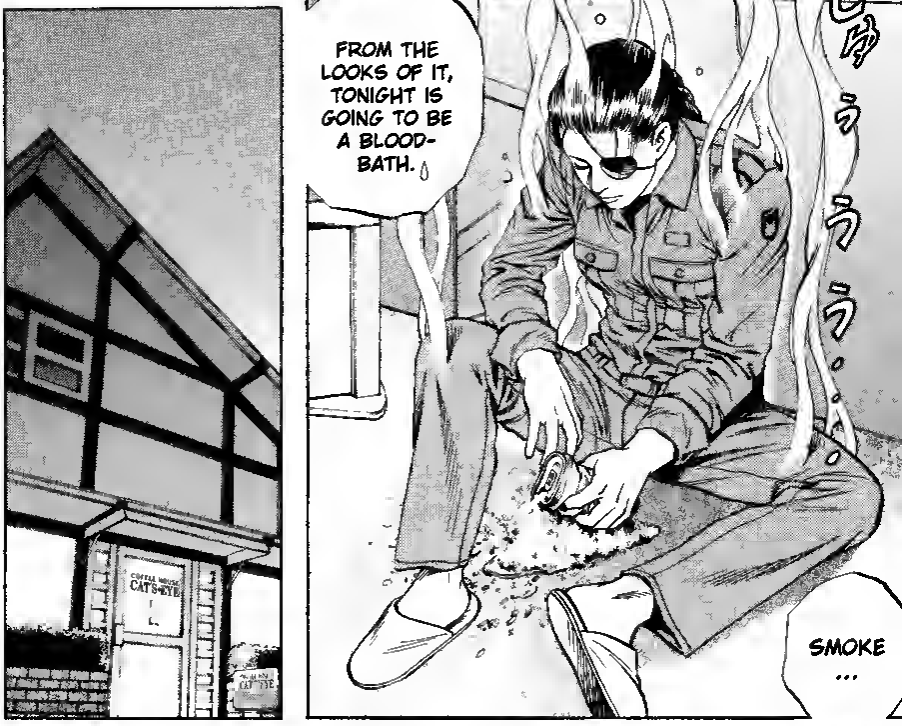
...
THE FURY CRACKLING INSIDE FANG-YU IS STEAMING!
MS YANG'S BODY! IT'S HOT LIKE FLAMES!
SIZZLE
HOT!
MS. YANG ...


FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE A BLOOD-BATH.
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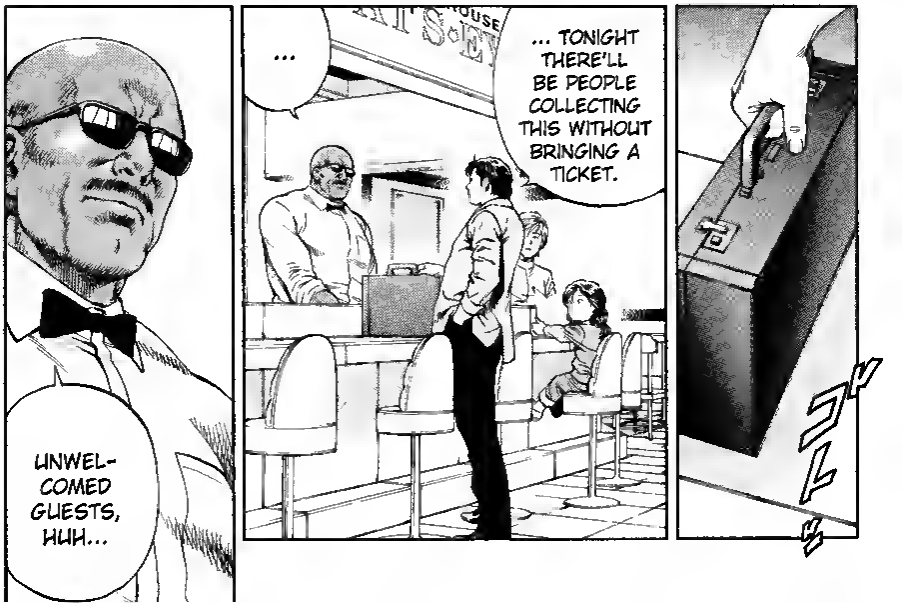
SMOKE …
CAT'S-EYE


UNWEL-COMED GUESTS, HUH…
…
… TONIGHT THERE'LL BE PEOPLE COLLECTING THIS WITHOUT BRINGING A TICKET.
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DEPENDS ON HOW YOU WELCOME THEM!
WILL IT WAKE UP MIKI...
GUESS SO... I THINK IT COULD BE A GROUP!
THEN YOU SHOULDN'T DELAY.
I'M A PRO AT WELCOMING GUESTS!
HMPH!
ARE WE GONNA HAVE GUESTS OVER? CAN I READ THEM A STORY?
CHEER♡
HEHEHEHE... IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SHOWED OFF, ♡ FALCON.
AWWW!
NOPE, IT'LL BE LATE. MIKI, YOU SHOULD GO TO BED EARLY.
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED!

INCOMING
AH-SHAN
BEEP
RRRIIING
MIKI'LL WAKE UP THEN...
PAPA, MS. YANG, SHE'S...
'SUP, AH-SHAN ...

YOU... HOW CAN YOU BE IN THE MOOD TO GO FOR A RIDE?
SZZZ
BUT MS. YANG'S BODY IS EMITTING A BOILING STEAM, IF I TRY TO STOP HER, I'M AFRAID SHE'LL EXPLODE!
SO YOU SAY...!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NDT TO LET FANG-YU OUT THE OOOR...
AHHHH ...
Beeeeeeep...
...
SO COME AND HURRY UP... WAAAAAH!
I CAN'T HANDLE IT! JUST KEEPING AN EYE ON HER ISN'T WORKING!

UMIBOUZU, LEND ME YOUR CAR!
THE ANTHRO-POMORPHIC ATOMIC BOMB IS FLYING INTO THE DIRECTION OF THE ENEMY'S NEST...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, RYO?
AH-SHAN, IS FANG-YU...?

...?
WHAT...?
SMOKE...?

SIZZLE
THAT IDIOT... DOES SHE INTEND TO SWIM RIGHT OUT TO THE SHIP...
That's the water boiling... ust how hot is her body temper ature
...
THE MOMENT THE CAR STOPPED SHE JUMPED INTO THE WATER ...
...
LET'S GO AND FIND A BOAT...

Snore
Snore
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GA....
AGH...
GUU...
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GU...
HMPH.
THESE GUESTS DIDN'T REALLY MAKE MUCH OF A RACKET, FALCON!
GAHH
Kill me now...
ARGH
...

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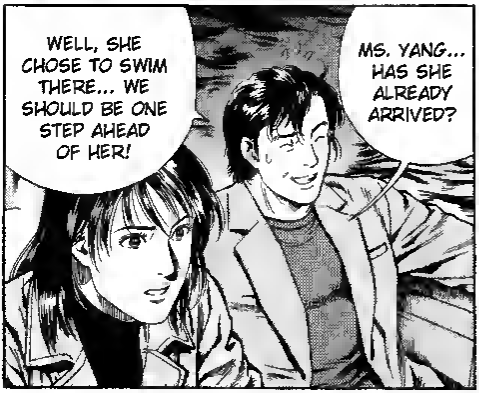
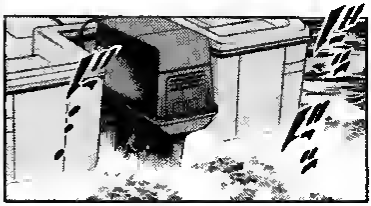

WELL, SHE CHOSE TO SWIM THERE... WE SHOULD BE ONE STEP AHEAD OF HER!
MS. YANG... HAS SHE ALREADY ARRIVED?

OKAY, YOU CAN TURN OFF THE ENGINE NOW.



Chapter 171 We Meet Again

TSUMAMA ESCAPE

PROFESSOR CHEN.
WHEN CAN THE SHIP SET SAIL?
MAX HAS JUST GONE TO RETRIEVE THE VIRUS BLUEPRINT.
DON'T WORRY... I WON'T LET YOUR COMPANY SUFFER ANY LOSSES.
I SIMPLY CANNOT BE AT EASE, SO I'M HERE IN PERSON.
OUR COMPANY HAS INVESTED A LOT OF MONEY INTO THIS OPERATION,
WE'LL LEAVE ONCE HE RETURNS... SUNRISE AT THE LATEST!
IF IT'S ON SCHEDULE, THEN I CAN BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF.

WE'LL HAVE TO TROUBLE YOU TO COMPLETE THE VACCINE IN EARNEST, AND OF COURSE YOU'LL HAVE OUR UTMOST AND FULL SUPPORT.
THEY'RE EXTREMELY INTERESTED!
OH RIGHT, I LET THAT COUNTRY TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
THAT'S GOOD NEWS INDEED!
IT'S RATHER INGENIOUS OF YOU TO HAVE THOUGHT OF SUCH A PLAN...
... BUT PROFES-SOR,
OH...
IT'S BECAUSE I ENCOUNTERED SUCH A RESOURCEFUL FEMALE THAT MADE ME GO AHEAD WITH THE PLAN.
... ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE REFERRING TO... YOUR GIRLFRIEND... RIGHT?

I WAS INSPECTING THE SETUP IN T-COUNTRY'S MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITIES.
AT THAT TIME THE BODYGUARD RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SAFETY WAS YANG...
A YEAR AGO...
WHEN I SAW YANG'S CAPABILITIES, I FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT...
SHE'D BE THE DETERMINANT THAT WOULD BRING THE PLAN TO FRUITION...
SHE'D BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH T-COUNTRY'S TIGHT BORDER SECURITY AND SMUGGLE THE VIRUS OUT OF THE COUNTRY...

THESE WATER PUDDLES... THEY'RE NOT LEFT BEHIND BY MS. YANG, RIGHT...!?
THAT IDIOT'S AN OLYMPIC SWIMMER ...
I NEVER EXPECTED ...
THAT YANG WOULD COMPLEMENT OUR OPERATIONS SO WELL.
...

KIDNAPPING THOSE ACADEMICS AND COLLECTING THEM IN ONE LOCATION...
THAT REALLY SAVED US SOME TIME!
I GUESS IT WAS OUT OF LOVE FOR YOU...
RIGHT ...?
IT WAS THE LOVE FOR CHILDREN THAT DID IT...
AS A MILITIA LEADER, HER EMOTIONS ARE SO RAMPANT.
SO IT COULDN'T BE DONE WITHOUT YANG.
IF THIS WAS ONLY ABOUT THE FANCY MOVES, THINGS WOULDN'T HAVE GONE SO SMOOTHLY.
IN HER INNER SOUL LIES AN UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, RESEMBLING THAT OF A MOTHER.
...

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I'M GLAD TO BE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.
WHOA... YOU'RE SO TERRI-FYING!
ARGH... OOH!
DOMP

SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...
CHEN ...
FA... FANG-YU ...

YOU'RE HERE TO SAVE ME!
THANK GOD, FANG-YU!
THE ONE YOU JUST KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS WAS A VILLAIN WHO WAS THREATENING ME!
... SAVE YOU?

...
AND THEY FORCED ME TO DEVELOP THEM A VACCINE!
THEY TOOK ME HERE AND ANNOUNCED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT I WAS ALREADY DEAD.
HE WAS PLANNING TO SELL T-COUNTRY'S BIOLOGICAL COMPANY TO THE BOSSES OF THE WORLD'S PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES!
...
HOW COULD HE SAY SOMETHING SO CHEESY ...
AND ARE YOU HERE TO SAVE ME FROM BEING USED BY THE GRASP OF EVIL? YOU ARE A WOMAN WHO I CANNOT BE WITHOUT... YOU ARE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL!
... CHEN ...
I AM WILLING TO DEDICATE MY WHOLE LIFE TO YOU!
I SWEAR TO YOU! YOU SAVED MY LIFE...

whaa...
GULP
AIN'T NOTHIN' IN THE WORLD THAT MAKES ME HAPPIER THAN SEEING YOU ALIVE! COME ON, LET'S LEAVE THIS JOINT!
YOU ARE THE GREATEST MAN EVER!
WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE!
...
YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND THIS BOAT.
YOU'RE A REMARKABLE WOMAN... FANG-YU!

AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU PULLIN' A GUN ON ME?
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... FANG-YU... THERE MUST BE SOME MISUNDER-STANDING, THIS...
... DIE
I KNEW ABOUT YOUR PLOT RIGHT FROM THE START!

DISAPPEAR FROM MY EYES...
!!
SHANIN ...
DON'T DO IT YANG!

KAORI
...!?

YOU STILL HAVE THE WORST TASTE IN MEN!
ENOUGH FROM YOU! GUTTER TRASH!
...
DON'T YOU THINK SO... YANG?
BUT SINCE YOU CAN KILL HIM AT ANY TIME, YOU SHOULD LET HIM LIVE AND USE HIM ANY WAY YOU LIKE!

HMPH!
THAT AIN'T A BAD WAY OF THINKIN'! VERY WELL, WE'LL WORK TOGETHER!
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IT'S A WONDER... HOW I MANAGED TO STILL BE ALIVE...
... BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN KAORI'S METAL MALLET...

DON...
DON'T...
DON'T FIRE! PLEASE!
FA...
FANG-YU!

Chapter 172 Mother's Way of Thinking

I...
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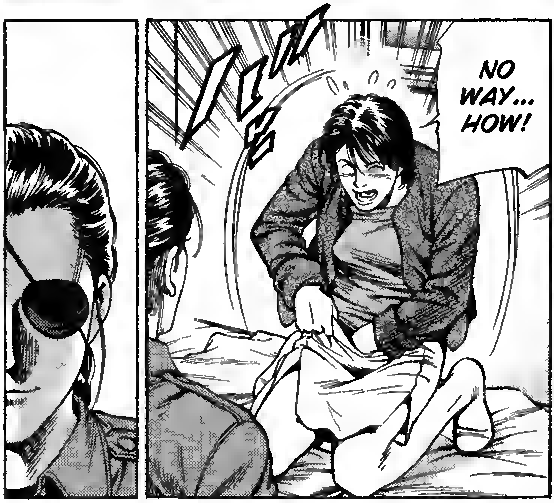
AH...
I'VE...!
Ha...
Haa...
HELL ...
WHY AM I DRESSED LIKE THIS... WHO THE...
YOU'VE ALREADY BECOME A WOMAN, CHEN!

...?

AHH!
I MADE YOU INTO A WOMAN WHEN YOU WERE OUT LIKE A LIGHT!

THIS TIME 'ROUND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CON WOMEN AND BREAK THEIR HEARTS! CHEN?
THAT'S MY REVENGE!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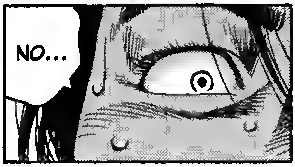
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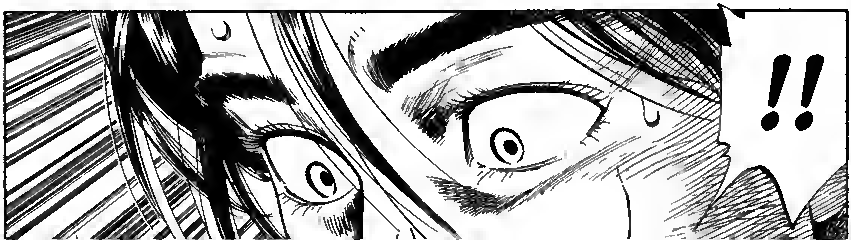
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ARE YOU ALL SAFE AND SOUND?
DON'T WORRY, WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU!
... IT'S YOU LOT ...
YOU'RE FREE, COME ON!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN YOU FLIPPING OUT!
AHAHA HAHA HAHA, WHATTA MASTER-PIECE!
STILL THERE ...
...
GAH... YOU BITCH...
THIS BOAT'S NOT HALF BAD, I'LL BE LIBERATIN' IT!
ARGH ...
...
LISTEN TO ME CLOSELY, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS YOU'RE GOIN' TO BE HERE ON YOUR LONESOME DEVEL-OPIN' THE VACCINE FOR ME!
YOU GOTTA BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS! IF I EVER CATCH YOU SLACKIN' OFF OR MAKING A RUN FOR IT, OR IF YOU FAIL TO FINISH IT...
BUT DEPENDIN' ON THE CIRCUM-STANCES, I'LL CUT IT OFF!
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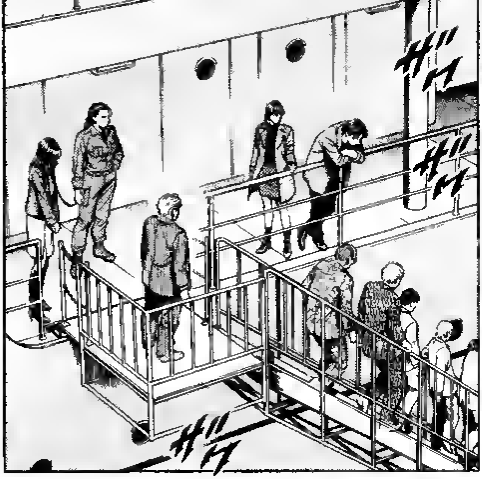
NO... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH JUST ONE PERSON...
YOU HAVE A YEAR... YOU HEAR ME!
GULP
SFX: Snap!
WHILE YOU'RE WORKIN' ON IT, YOUR UNIFORM WILL BE A DRESS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
AL... ALRIGHT ALRIGHT!
ARGH... AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN BEING KILLED...
WAAAH ...
TWITCH
KAORI, YOU'RE COMPLETELY RIGHT! INSTEAD OF KILLING HIM, WHY NOT TORTURE HIM FOR A YEAR... THIS IS SO MUCH FUN...! ♡
OUTSTANDING!

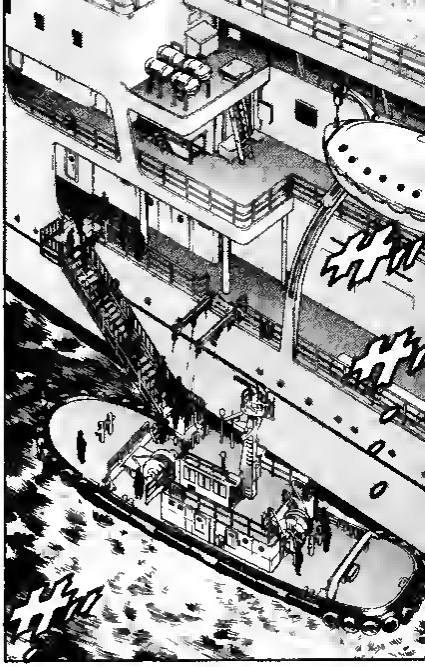
ALTHOUGH HER METHODS ARE UNORTHODOX... IT'S NOT WRONG...
...
EVERYONE, PLEASE DON'T BLAME MS. YANG FOR THIS.
I THINK... MS. YANG IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PARENTS OF THIS ENTIRE WORLD.
I DON'T WANT THIS TO GET ANY WORSE ...
FORGET ABOUT IT... SHE'S THE ONE THAT LET US OUT...
SHE ADOPTED ORPHANS FROM THE CASUALTIES FROM VARIOUS WARS AROUND THE WORLD.
SHE'S A MOTHER OF TWENTY-SOMETHING KIDS.
?
SHE JUST DOESN'T WANT THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD TO BE THOSE KINDS OF CASUALTIES OF WAR.

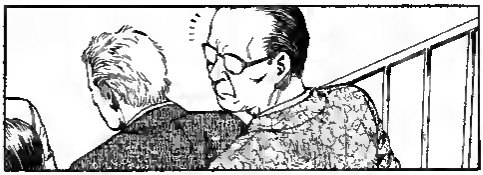
SHE USED TO BE AN ORPHAN FROM THE WAR HERSELF... SO IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE CASUALTIES OF WAR...
IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER VILLAGE, IN ORDER TO BECOME THE SHIELD THAT PROTECTS, SHE BECAME PART OF A MILITIA.
... WHAT IS THIS?
...
SHE MIGHT BE INVOLVED WITH A MILITIA... BUT SHE HATES WAR MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
IF THAT SORT OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPON WAS TO BE USED, THE BIGGEST SACRIFICES WOULD BE...
KAORI...
IT'S HER SPEAKING...
SHE'S A PERSON WHO FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT FACT.
THE PARENTS WHO LOSE THEIR CHILDREN, AND THE CHILDREN WHO LOSE THEIR PARENTS...

NO MATTER WHAT METHODS WERE EMPLOYED... SHE DOESN'T WANT ANY COUNTRY TO HAVE THAT KIND OF WEAPON!
IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE, SHE SINCERELY WANTS TO STOP THESE EVENTS FROM UNFOLDING.
THE BASIS FOR YANG'S OPERATION IS THE INTENSITY OF A MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE... I HOPE THAT YOU GENTLEMEN CAN UNDERSTAND THIS POINT...
WHY HAVEN'T YOU LOT LEFT?
...
Are my eyes... playing tricks on me...
What was that... at that moment...

... THEN YOU...
MY MEN SHOULDA ALREADY HAD THE SHIP RUNNIN'!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO? ARE YOU GIVING UP ON THE VACCINE?
HELL NO! DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT! I HAVE THE STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES NOW...
STOP DALLYIN' ABOUT, YOU SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!
PROF-ESSOR CHEN?
THE PIONEER OF THE VIRUS RIGHT HERE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE MESS! RIGHT, CHENNY?
AND WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT ...
Arrrr ...
AND THIS HELPER!
Who...?
...?







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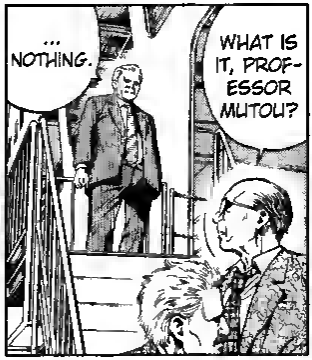
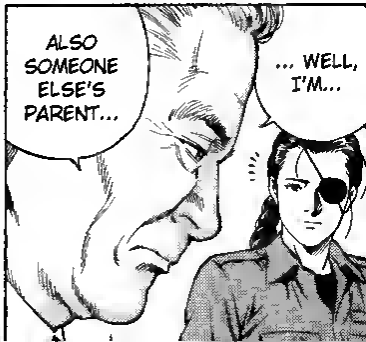
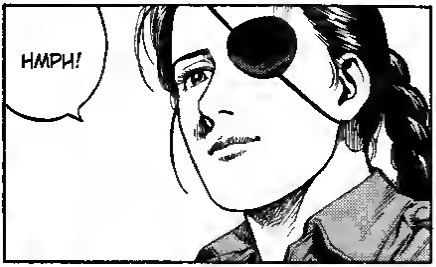

... NOTHING.
WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR MUTOU?


ALSO SOMEONE ELSE'S PARENT...
... WELL, I'M...

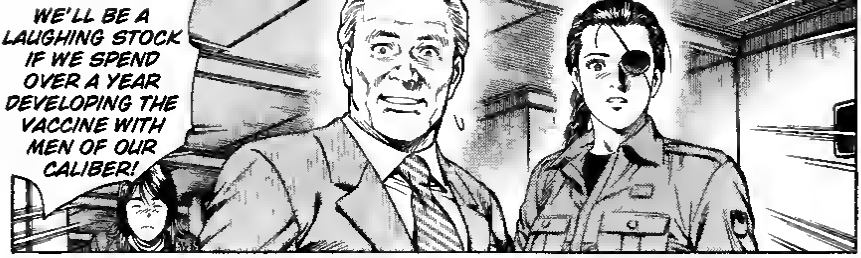
I'VE DECIDED TO STAY.

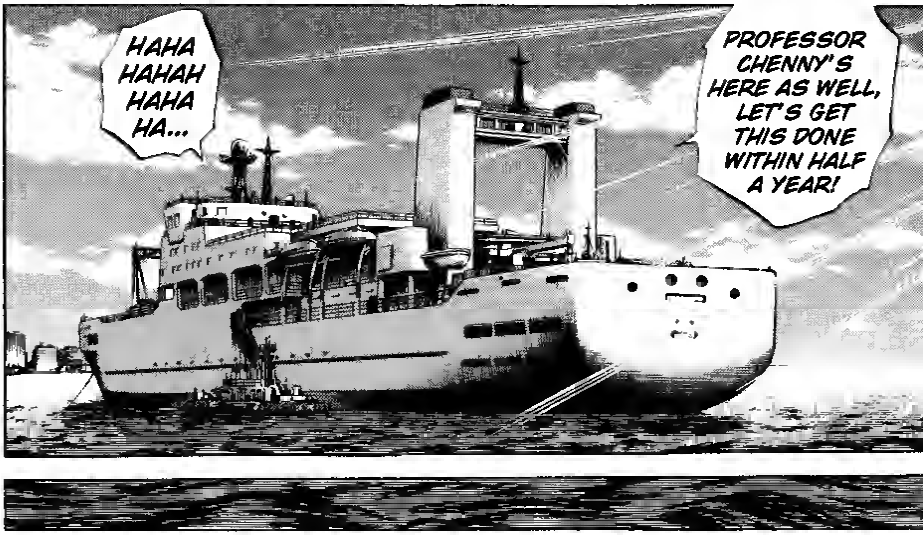
HEY, HOW COULD YOU SPLIT UP THE BAND LIKE THAT?
THEN I'LL STAY TOO!
ME TOO!


HMPH!

ME TOO!

I BET THEY'LL REJOICE AT THE PEACE AND QUIET WITHOUT ME AROUND.
REALLY, I GUESS I'LL TELL MY FAMILY THAT I'LL BE OUT ON A BUSINESS TRIP FOR A YEAR!


WE'LL BE A LAUGHING STOCK IF WE SPEND OVER A YEAR DEVELOPING THE VACCINE WITH MEN OF OUR CALIBER!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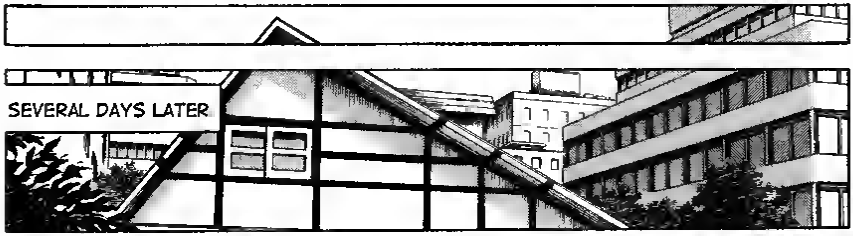
PROFESSOR CHENNY'S HERE AS WELL, LET'S GET THIS DONE WITHIN HALF A YEAR!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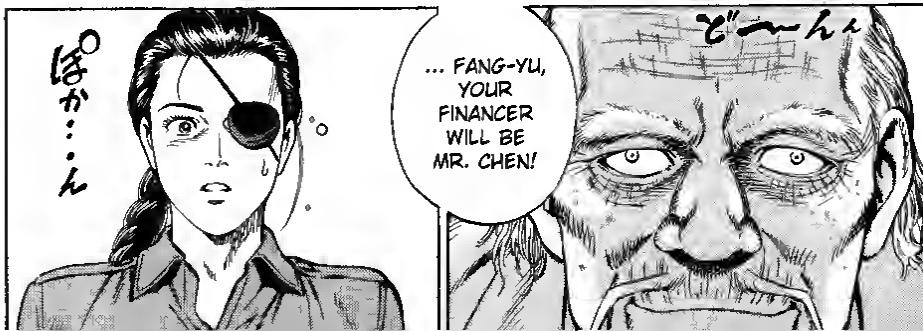
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... FANG-YU, YOUR FINANCER WILL BE MR. CHEN!
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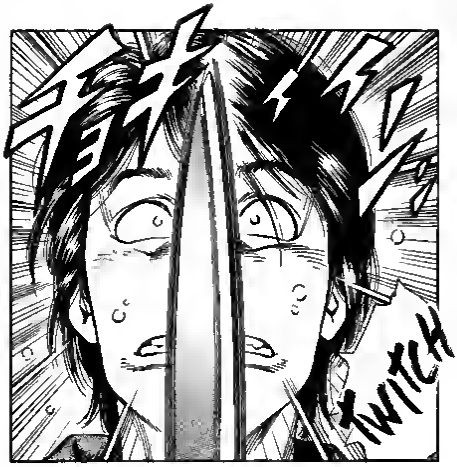
WHATEVER MONEY YOU NEED IS YOURS. DON'T WORRY, "BOSS".
BUT, RYO...
BLACK TORTOISE, AUTHENTIC CHINESE RESTAURANT, PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
HE'S THE BOSS OF THE CHINESE RESTAURANT NEXT DOOR.
A CHINESE RESTAURANT OWNER BEING A FINANCER ...
... IT'S NEARLY TIME TO DISEMBARK, I SHOULD GO.
I TOLD HIM THAT THIS IS TO PREVENT AH-SHAN DYING FROM CATCHING THE FLU, SO HE LOOSENED HIS BELT!
ホ〃...
THIS OLD MAN'S ACTUALLY AH-SHAN'S GUARDIAN, AND HE REPRESENTS ONE WEALTHY CAT!
...?
HA... HAHAHA HAHHA HA...

HOHO, SEE YOU AGAIN IN HALF A YEAR!
BON VOYAGE, MS. YANG.
...
WHAT... AGAIN...?
SAY, FANG-YU ...
WHAT? CAN'T BEAR TO SEE ME LEAVE?
YOU WISH! YOU...
... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... IT'S VERY SIMILAR...
?
WHAT DID YOU SEE IN CHEN?
HOW COULD YOU NOT SEE HIS TRUE FACE... THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL!

MY GUARD WAS DOWN, SO I WASN'T PREPARED!
IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOU!
DAMN IT, THE REASON I'M LIKE THIS TO MEN... JUST WHO'S TA BLAME FOR THIS?
Just. Who. Caused. This?
どぉーーーんぁ
SPARE ME, PLEASE!
FALLIN' FOR THAT KIND OF PERSON, AND ENDING UP IN DESPAIR...
GETTIN' TO THE ROOT OF THAT REASON IS...!
...
HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
HOW ...


TWITCH

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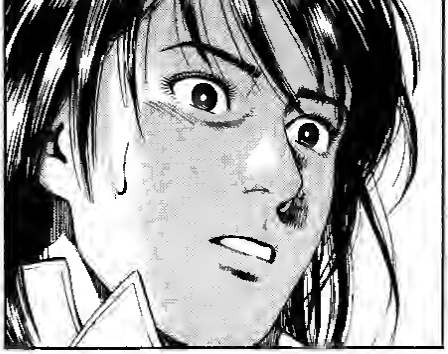
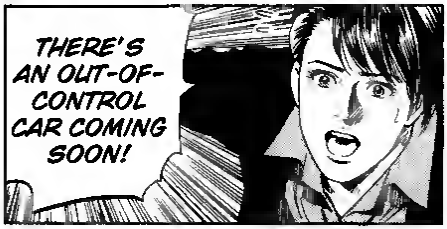
Hah!
Haa...
Haa...
ARHH!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE PLACE!

OUCHH ...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I, I'M FINE...
... YOU ...
?



YOU MUST BE VERY SKILLED WITH GUNS! DO YOU HAVE ONE ON YOU?

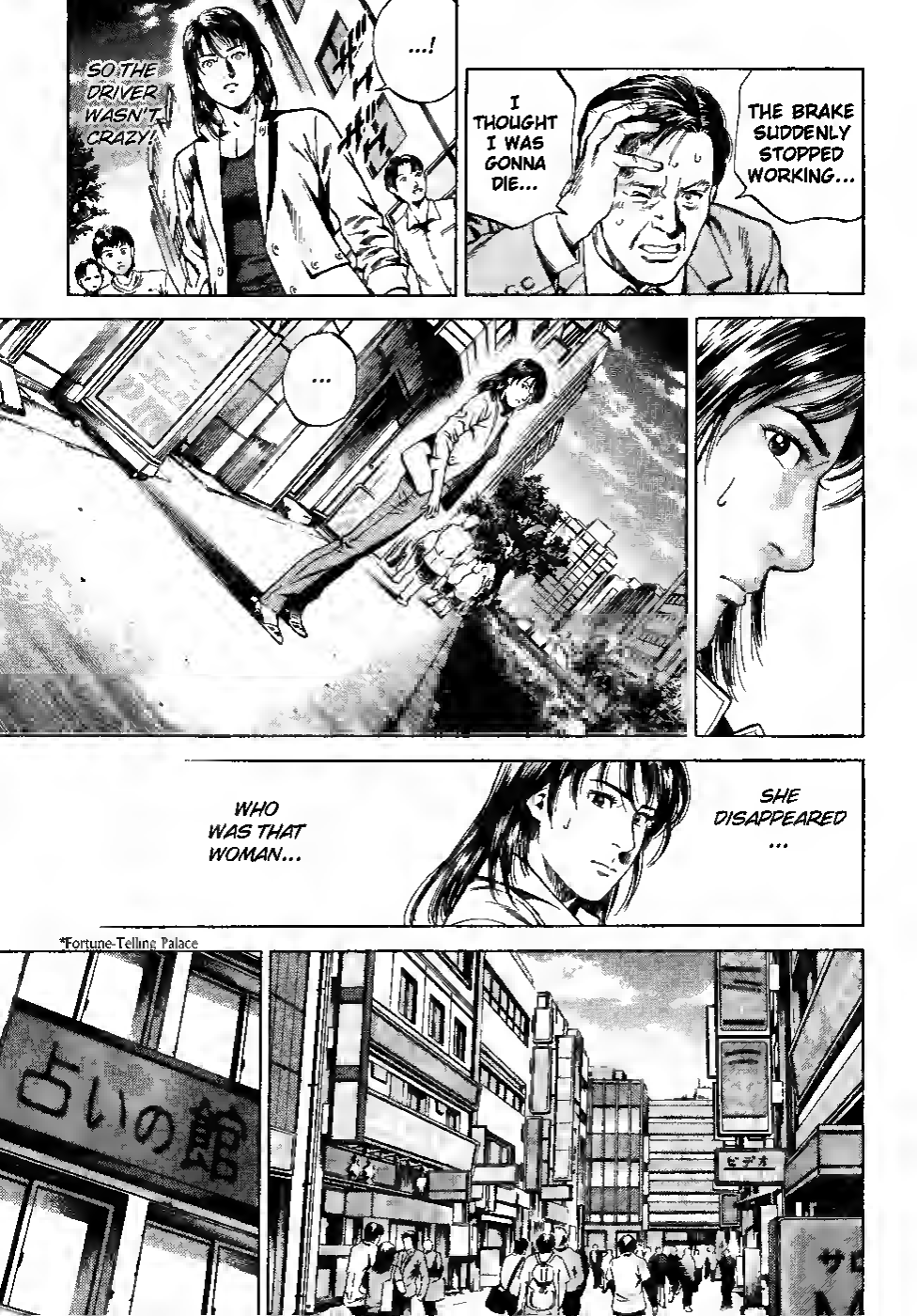

THERE'S AN OUT-OF-CONTROL CAR COMING SOON!

PLEASE... BELIEVE ME...
BU... BUT...

EH... WHAT...
CAN YOU STOP IT WITH YOUR GUN?

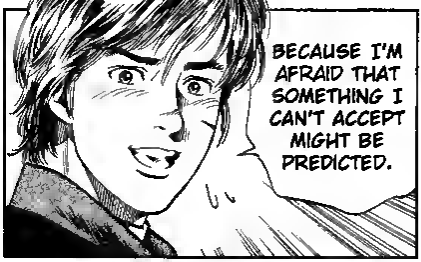
HURRY UP!
LOOK! THAT'S THE CAR! DON'T KILL THE DRIVER!
NO... NO WAY ...
TSK!

WHAT... YOU FIRED? WHEN? ALL I HEARD WAS A BANG—
...FINALLY SAVED...
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


SO THE DRIVER WASN'T CRAZY!
...!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
THE BRAKE SUDDENLY STOPPED WORKING...
...
WHO WAS THAT WOMAN...
SHE DISAPPEARED ...
*Fortune-Telling Palace
占いの館
ビデオ

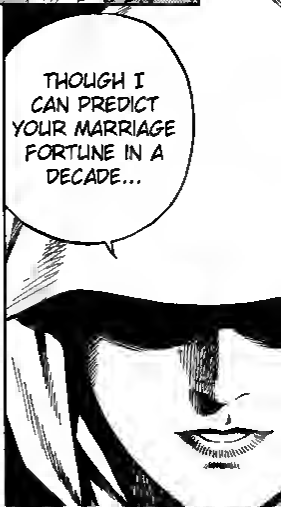
I'VE SAID I HAVE NO INTEREST IN FORTUNE TELLING! WHY DID YOU STILL BRING ME HERE?
新宿のキューピット
結婚占い
占い師
ピュア麗泉
THIS PLACE IS RUMOURED TO BE VERY ACCURATE!

SO NAIVE! IT'S ONLY FORTUNE TELLING!
BUT I WANNA KNOW... I'M SCARED BUT I WANNA KNOW...


BECAUSE I'M AFRAID THAT SOMETHING I CAN'T ACCEPT MIGHT BE PREDICTED.

THEN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, SURE IS BORING...

SURE ...
I CANNOT GUARANTEE THINGS THAT COME AFTER... PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THIS.


THOUGH I CAN PREDICT YOUR MARRIAGE FORTUNE IN A DECADE...

Glance
AH... JUST ME! SHE ONLY ACCOMPANIED ME HERE.
WHO'S FIRST?
...?
SO THAT'S IT...
チラ。
MS. REISEN, WILL I GET MARRIED? IN TEN YEARS, WHO WILL IT...
...
PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND ON MINE...
ス...
WHAT WILL SHE BE LIKE? HAHAHA ...

HMM ...?
...
EH? EH, UHH? EHHH...?
HMM... HMMHM... HM...?
EH...
!!
YOU'LL STILL BE SINGLE IN TEN YEARS.
IS THERE SOMETHING BAD?
NO, NO...

...
... NO WAY...
giggle, giggle
WHY? IT'S FUN, TRY IT!
NO! I DON'T NEED IT!
WHAT'S THE PROB? JUST A LOOK...
HEY, SHIN-HON!
THEN, SHANIN... WILL SHE BE MARRIED IN TEN YEARS?
I SAID I DON'T WANT IT! I'M LEAVING!
WHY'RE YOU ANGRY, IT'S JUST FORTUNE TELLING.
I DON'T WANNA!

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...
Yea!
... SHE WON'T MARRY EITHER...
YOU WILL DIE...
I...
WILL DIE... IN TEN YEARS...?
...

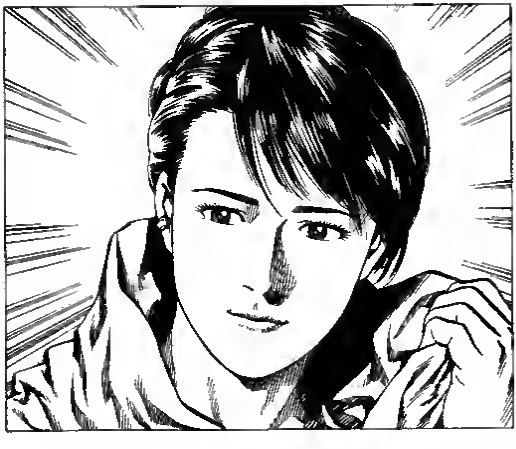
EVEN IF SHE'S COMPATIBLE WITH THE HEART INITIALLY... IT COULDN'T BE FOREVER...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN... YET I...
AH... HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID...
IT'S OBVIOUS SHANIN WOULD HATE DIVINATION!
NO, YOU SHOULD ALREADY BE DEAD... THE OTHER YOU.
HUU!
IS SHE TALKING ABOUT HER HEART...!?
...
A LIFE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED RESIDES IN YOUR BODY ...
HOW INCRE-DIBLE...

ALSO... XYZ... CITY HUNTER...
THAT'S RIGHT... YOU ARE THE LEGENDARY ...
SHE CAN SEE THROUGH OUR HEARTS...
THIS PERSON... SHE'S NOT JUST A FORTUNE TELLER!
AM I RIGHT?
YOUR AIM WAS VERY ACCURATE THE OTHER DAY.
...JUST WHO... ARE YOU?
Heh heh...
Z o o o
DON'T BE SO SERIOUS... MS. CITY HUNTER.

ACTUALLY... IT'S NOT REALLY FORTUNE TELLING, BUT PRESCIENCE.
You know each other?
YOU ARE...
!
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO SEE YOUR FUTURE IN A DECADE.
EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG...
I SAW THAT INCIDENT AMONGST THE CROWD TOO...
THAT'S RIGHT...

I SUDDENLY SAW THE WOULD-BE ACCIDENT THAT NIGHT!
THAT IMAGE!
BUT I COULDN'T JUST NOT CARE...
I COULDN'T FIGURE WHO IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE CROWD.
AND AVERTED A FATAL ACCIDENT.
LUCKILY I MET YOU...
...
ESP
...
...
THOUGH I COULDN'T DO MUCH, I STILL RAN TO THE SITE IN THE VISION...

THIS IS FATE. I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN IN THIS PLACE!
THAT'S ONLY FOR SHOW.
CAN YOU... SEE IT WITHOUT HAND CONTACT?
OF COURSE, IT'S CLEARER WITH HAND CONTACT, MUCH BETTER FOR CONCENTRATION.
... UH?
ARE YOU SAYING... YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR OWN FUTURE?
HOW ABOUT PREDICTING MY FUTURE?
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME, MS. CITY HUNTER!
SO...
THAT'S RIGHT! CAN'T SEE MY OWN FATE, JUST THE FUTURES OF OTHERS... THAT'S THE GIST OF MY PROBLEM ANYWAY...
Hey... I came to you for predictions...
YOUR... FUTURE?



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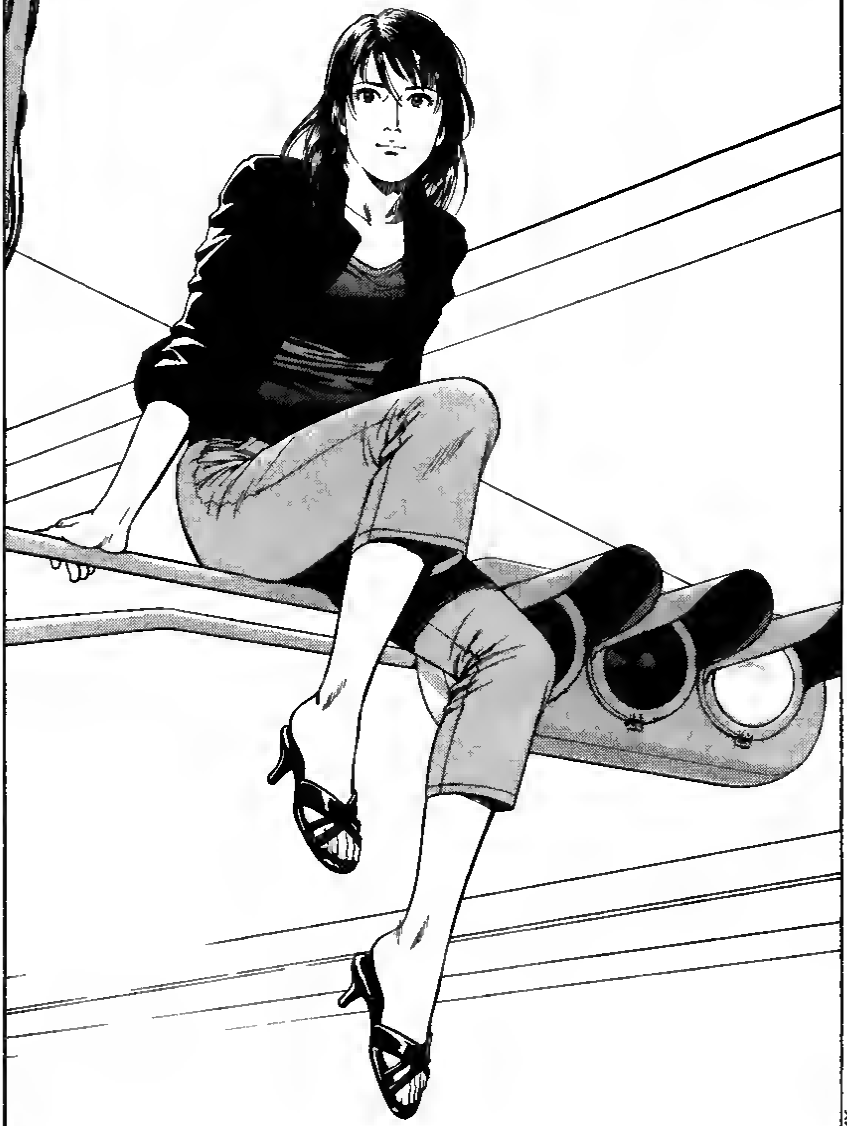
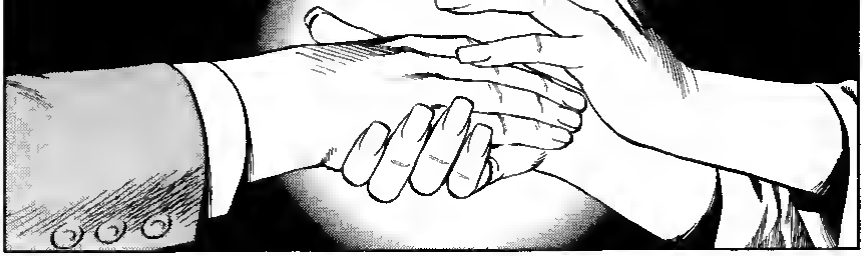
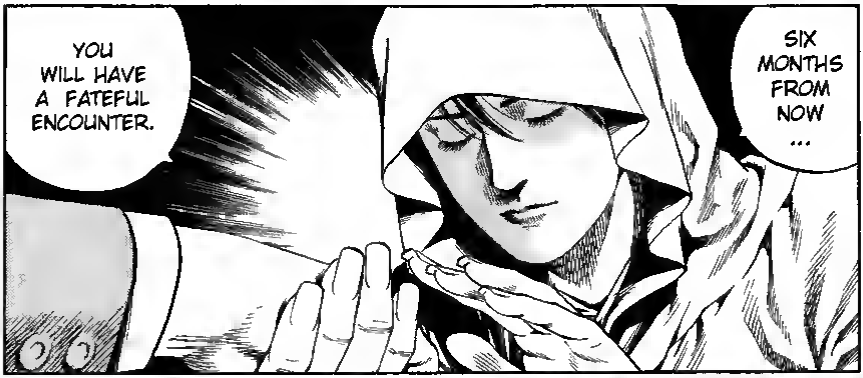
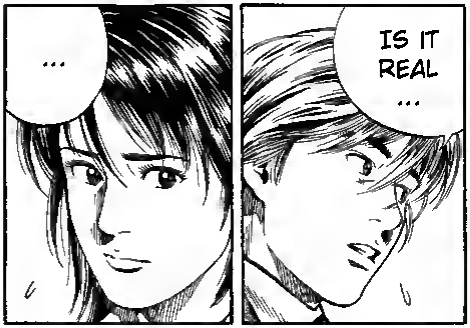





YOU WILL HAVE A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER.
SIX MONTHS FROM NOW ...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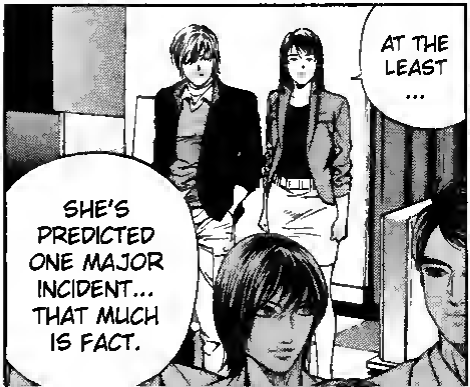
IS IT REAL ...


AT THE LEAST ...
SHE'S PREDICTED ONE MAJOR INCIDENT... THAT MUCH IS FACT.

THE PERSON IS FROM YOUR COMPANY'S BUSINESS PARTNERS ...
REALLY ?
PRE-SCIENCE... ESP...

IF IT'S TRUE, IT'S NO WONDER PEOPLE SAY HER PREDICTIONS ARE ACCURATE...
...

MMM ...

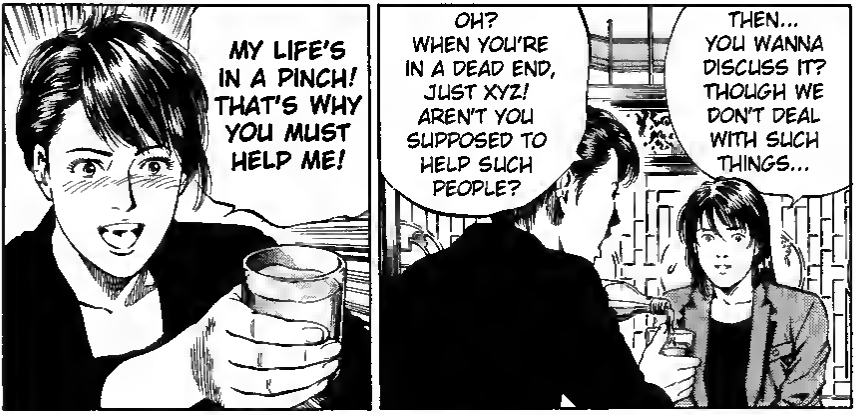
LIFE PLANNING ...?
BUT AS CITY HUNTER, CAN YOU ACCEPT HER REQUEST?

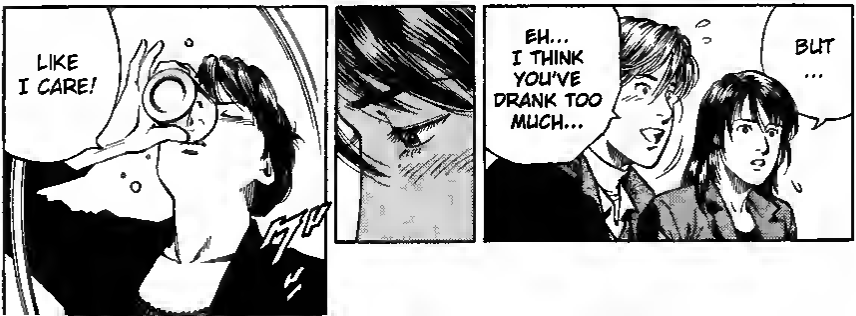
I'M LATE. SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

BAR Jade
'CAUSE WE'RE BOTH UNDERAGE ...
IT'S FINE.
THERE WERE LOTS OF CUSTOMERS TODAY. WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT IN THE BAR?
hahaha...
Ha...
AM I DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH A CHILD?
?
THE CITY HUNTER IS A MINOR
THEN... DO YOU KNOW ANY BARS WHICH SERVE LIQUOR THAT YOU CAN ENTER?

FAN-TASTIC!
BU-HAAAA!
中華料理 玄武門
PLOP PLOP
...
BUT SHE CAN REALLY DRINK. DOWNING CUPS OF WHISKEY IN ONE SHOT ...
THE GUEST MS. SHANIN BROUGHT IS BEAUTIFUL.
THE LIQUOR HERE IS REAL GOOD! HEY, MORE BOTTLES!
SAY, MS. REISEN.
MY FULL NAME'S KAWAMOTO REIKO.
CALL ME REIKO!
AH, YES. RIGHT AWAY!

THIS POWER IS USE-LESS!
I KNOW NOTHING OF MY OWN FUTURE!
GULP
REALLY? IT'S NOTHING MUCH!
SO MS. REIKO... YOUR ESP IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
I'VE BEEN SHUNNED BY PEOPLE... SINCE I KNOW THEIR FUTURES, MY RELATION-SHIPS HAVE BEEN A MESS.

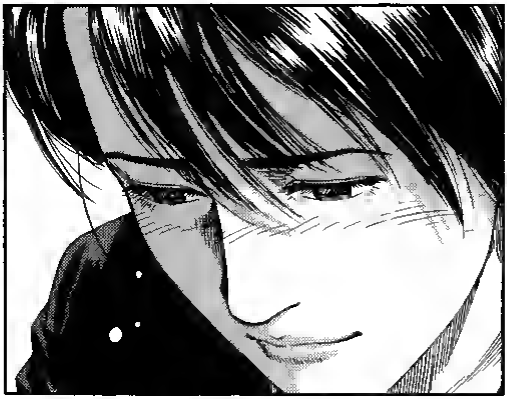

MY LIFE'S IN A PINCH! THAT'S WHY YOU MUST HELP ME!
OH? WHEN YOU'RE IN A DEAD END, JUST XYZ! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO HELP SUCH PEOPLE?
THEN... YOU WANNA DISCUSS IT? THOUGH WE DON'T DEAL WITH SUCH THINGS...

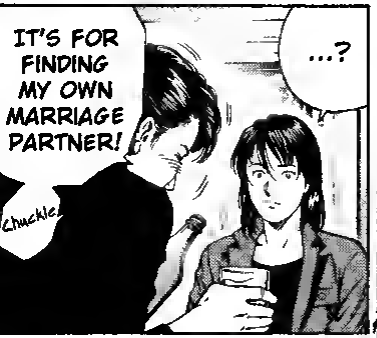

LIKE I CARE!
GULP
EH... I THINK YOU'VE DRANK TOO MUCH...
BUT ...

... MANY PEOPLE'S FUTURES WILL FLOOD MY MIND... I CAN'T STAND IT!
IF I DON'T GET DRUNK AND EMPTY MY THOUGHTS ...

IF THIS CONTINUES, I MIGHT BECOME AN OLD LADY ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL!
SUCH A LOUSY LOSER, HAHA HAHA!

A SOBER LIFE... IS NOT WHAT I WANT...

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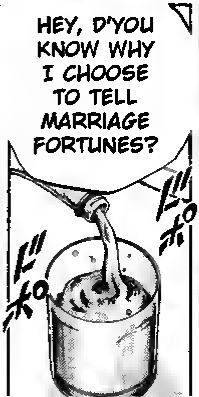
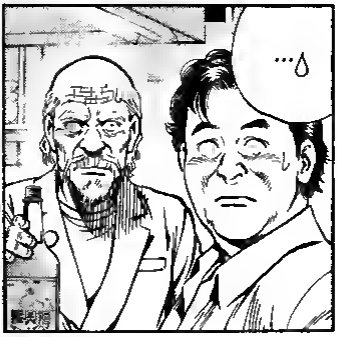
IT'S FOR FINDING MY OWN MARRIAGE PARTNER!
Chuckle


HEY, D'YOU KNOW WHY I CHOOSE TO TELL MARRIAGE FORTUNES?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I... HAVE NEVER DATED A MAN BEFORE...
'CAUSE WHEN I START DATING, I KNOW MY PARTNER'S FUTURE...
ACCIDENTS, WOES FROM LOANS, RETRENCHMENT... I SEE EVERYTHING, AND WE QUICKLY BREAK UP.
...
THIS... IS DE-PRESS-ING.
HMM ...
MY IDEAL PARTNER IS...
SOMEONE WHOSE FUTURE I CAN'T PREDICT!
CAN'T PREDICT?
YEAH! SO THAT I CAN LIVE A NORMAL MARRIED LIFE! THAT'S WHY I'M GIVING MARRIAGE FORTUNE PREDICTIONS, TO MEET SUCH MEN!
WHEN I FIND SUCH A MAN, MY ROSY LIFE WILL BEGIN!
GOODBYE, ALCOHOL! HELLO, BRAND NEW LIFE!
HMM—

SFX: bishhhiii (swinging bottle)

WAH, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
EVEN IF HE TRIES ADULTERY, NO ONE'LL WANT HIM, NO WORRIES!

AH?
MS. REIKO, WHAT'D YOU THINK OF MR. MOCHIYAMA?
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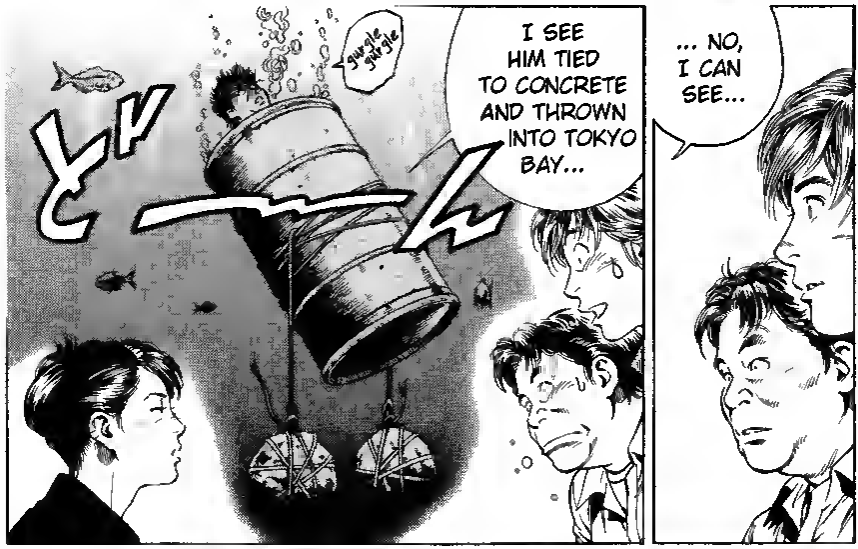
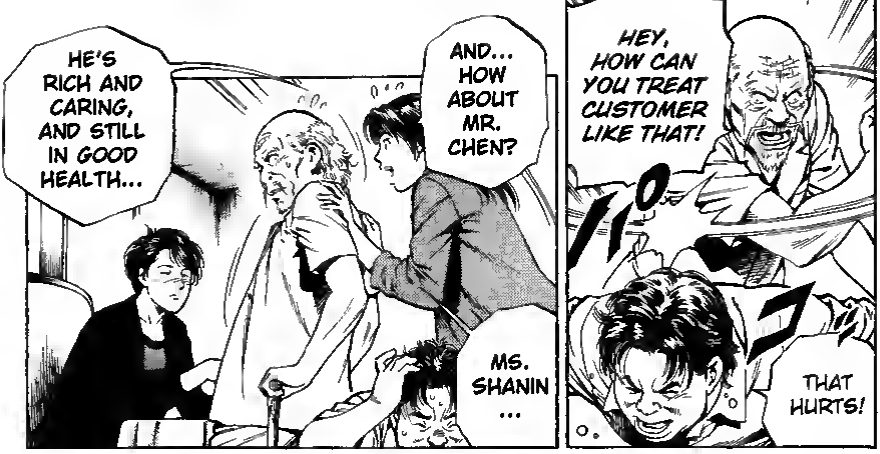

I SEE HIM TIED TO CONCRETE AND THROWN INTO TOKYO BAY...
gurgle gurgle
... NO, I CAN SEE...

YOU LYING FORTUNE TELLER! DON'T BULL-SHIT ME! I'M OUT OF THE YAKUZA!

AH...


HE'S RICH AND CARING, AND STILL IN GOOD HEALTH...
AND... HOW ABOUT MR. CHEN?
MS. SHANIN ...
HEY, HOW CAN YOU TREAT CUSTOMER LIKE THAT!
THAT HURTS!

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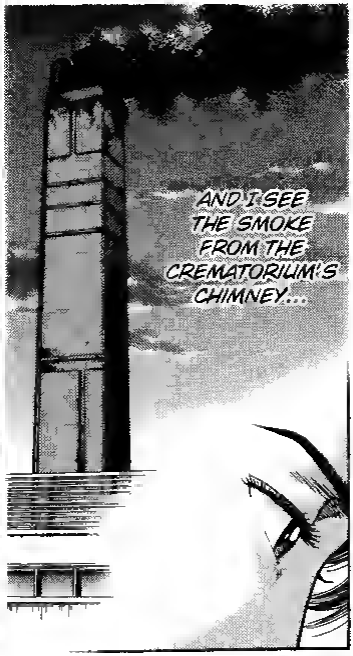
... COFFIN ...


AND I SEE THE SMOKE FROM THE CREMATORIUM'S CHIMNEY...

SFX: shocked

EHH ... EHHHH ...

WELL THEN, I RECOMMEND HIM!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? IT'S PAST CLOSING TIME!
FALCON ...!
SHIN-HON!
SFX: Incredibly shocked
STRONG AND LASTING! AND SERIOUS! EXTRA STUBBORN TOO!
SHIN-HON ...?
NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN WOMEN! PURE LOLICON!

DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
WHA- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
REA... REALLY... IT'S AS I THOUGHT ...!
YOUR WORDS ARE OFFENSIVE ...
FIND A MORE DOWN TO EARTH FELLOW!
I'M VERY SERIOUS!
MS. REIKO ...
IT'S AMAZING SHE STAYED AWAKE THAT LONG AFTER DRINKING SO MUCH.
REI... MS. REIKO!?

Chi chi-
Chi chi chi
Chi-
Chi-
HEY AH-SHAN, WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GET UP?
IT'S MORNING ALREADY!
... AH-SHAN ...
HEY, WAKE UP!
...
GEEEZ, YA KNOW YOU'RE ON DUTY FOR BREAKFAST TODAY!

SO NOISY! DON'T BE SO LOUD! I'M HAVING A BAD HANGOVER...
RYO-PAPA!
...?
AH-SHAN ...?
... WHO ARE YOU?

SHE WAS DRUNK LAST NIGHT AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE SHE LIVED...
SHE IS ...?
...
SORRY, I CAN EXPLAIN ...
HEY THIS IS UNCOM-FORTABLE ... LET GO!
GAHH ...
I CAN'T ...
SEE ...
...?

I CAN'T SEE... HIS FUTURE!
RYO-PAPA ...!?
NO WAY ...
IT'S YOU ...?
SHOULD BE... YOU...
FOUND ...
I'VE FINALLY ...

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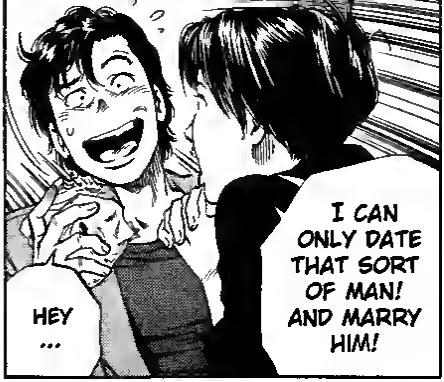
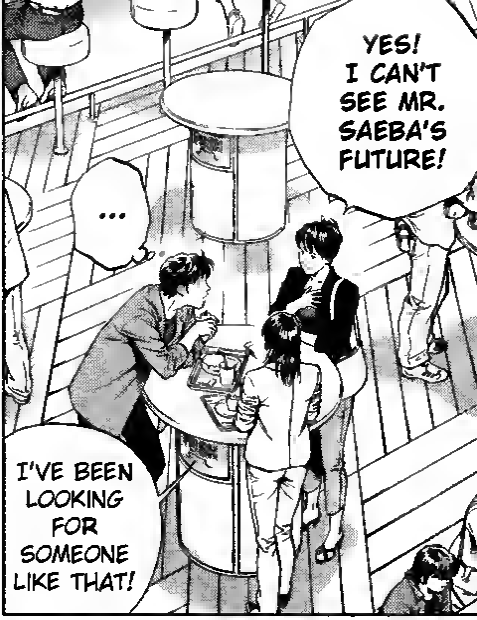
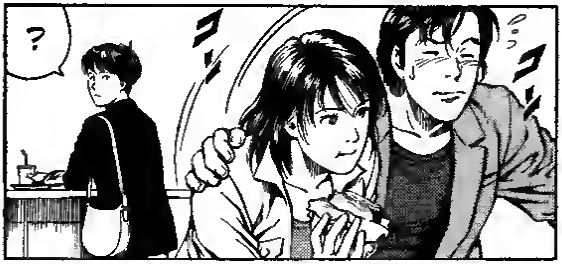
I FINALLY ...
... FOUND ...
...
AHH, HEY...
RYO-PAPA'S FUTURE ... ... CANNOT BE SEEN.
MY IDEAL PART-NER!

HAHA HA...
HE HE!
...
...?
Haha ha...
THIS IS THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.
FORTUNE TELLER...
SEARCHING FOR THE IDEAL MAN ...
KFC
Ken-Tucky Fried Chicken
... ABILITY... TO KNOW THE FUTURE ...?
THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
IS ME?


I CAN ONLY DATE THAT SORT OF MAN! AND MARRY HIM!
HEY ...


YES! I CAN'T SEE MR. SAEBA'S FUTURE!
...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT!

MM! IS THAT ALRIGHT, MISS REIKO?
GIMME A SEC ...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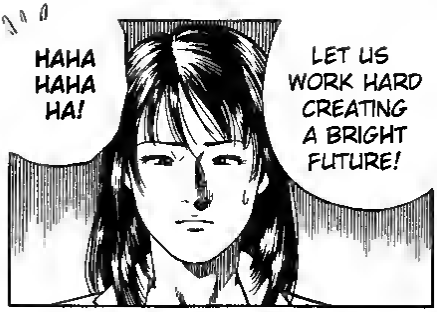
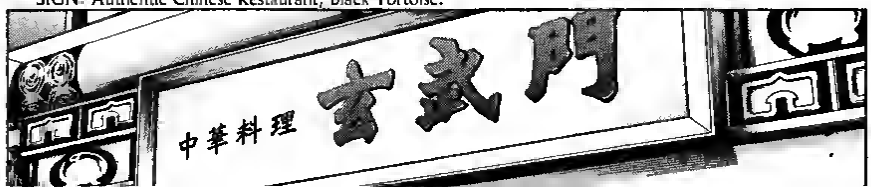
FANTASTIC, PAPA, THERE'S NOTHING HAPPIER THAN HAVING SUCH A PRETTY LADY PROPOSING TO YOU!

REALLY?
YES, IT'S TRUE!
AH-SHAN, IS SHE FOR REAL?
YUP!

HA, HAH HAHA ...
SO! DO YOU WANNA DATE HER? OR MARRY HER?
NO POINT BEING SCARED, THIS IS REALITY!
Urgsh, I'm still having a hangover ...
BUT I'M TERRIFIED OF GIRLS WITH ESP OR ARE INTO OCCULT STUFF!
... SERIOUS? SUCH A HEADACHE ...
HOW CAN YOU LAUGH? MS. REIKO IS SERIOUS!
AH! THIS IS LIKE A DREAM!
AH... IS THAT SO ...
I CAN'T SEE YOUR FUTURE AT ALL EVEN WHEN I'M SO CLOSE TO YOU!



SIGN: Authentic Chinese Restaurant, Black Tortoise.



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SHA.. SHA..
MR. SAEBA IS THE IDEAL PARTNER?
BOSS CHEN! THAT FORTUNE TELLER IS HERE!
BO... BOSS!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
...

LOLICON ...
YOU CALLED HIM A LOLICON LAST NIGHT, REMEMBER?
...?
HMPH! I DON'T CARE ABOUT SOMEONE WHO CALLS ME A LOLICON ...
WHAT'S WRONG, SUCH A BAD ATTITUDE!
WHEN'D YOU START CARING ABOUT PEOPLE?
I WAS JOKING!
AH...
SO I SPROUTED THAT ON A WHIM.
BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT MY ALL-IMPORTANT LIFE PLANNING ...
BAM!
THE LOLICON, CONCRETE AND CREMATION WERE ALL JOKES.

YES, I'M REALLY SORRY!
AND I WON'T BE CREMATED?
REALLY? I WON'T BE THROWN INTO TOKYO BAY?
WEL-COME.
E HOUSE
S·EYE
WHOA. NICE SUIT...
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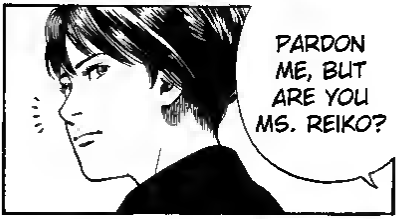
...! THE GUY FROM JUST BEFORE ...

I AM ...
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? YOU'VE TOLD MY FORTUNE BEFORE.

AH, EXCUSE ME...


PARDON ME, BUT ARE YOU MS. REIKO?

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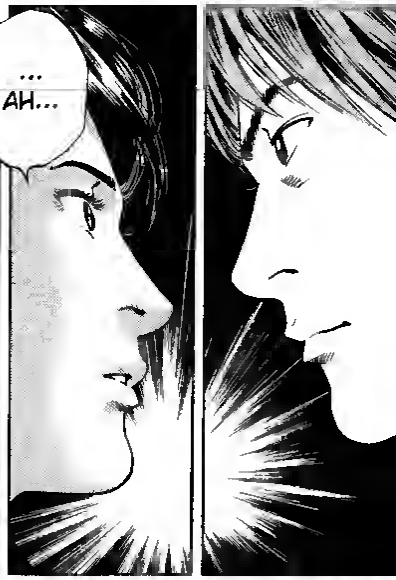
... AH...

... HOW IS IT?

...!

CAN WE GET MARRIED?
W... WE'RE ALREADY MARRIED.
...
YES!
... MARRIED ...

YOU SHOULD BREAK UP.
WHY? I KNOW I WARNED YOU BACK THEN!
BEING TOGETHER WILL BE YOUR MISFORTUNE... GREAT MISFORTUNE!
I CAN SEE A BAD CONCLUSION.
BREAK UP! THAT'S THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION!
... I KNOW THAT.
I SAW YOU ON THE STREET JUST NOW. SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE, BUT COULD YOU TELL ME MY FORTUNE AGAIN?
THOUGH IT'S JUST FORTUNE TELLING, YOUR DIRE PREDICTION MADE US SLIGHTLY NERVOUS.
...
Quite stubborn!
BUT WE'RE ALREADY TOGETHER!
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ALRIGHT
...
...
...
FROM YOUR EXPRESSION ... IT DOESN'T SEEM GOOD ...
ス...

WOULD RATHER BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER.
BECAUSE THE TWO OF YOU ARE MARRIED NOW... I CAN SEE IT EVEN CLEARER.
WE ...
YOU STILL HAVE TIME! YOU WILL DESPAIR, BUT BREAKING UP IS BETTER.
I BELIEVE SHE WILL DO THE SAME.
IF WE'RE TRUE TO EACH OTHER, EVEN IF... EVEN IF SHE CHEATS, I'LL FORGIVE HER.
THE TWO OF US, WILL STRIVE ON. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
AS LONG AS WE STILL BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT.

WITH YOUR HELP, I HAVE NOW STEELED MY RESOLVE ...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THE FORTUNE YOU TOLD... WE'LL OVERCOME IT...
... MAYBE I WILL... BUT...
WAIT!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE POLITE! YOU WILL REGRET IT!
I'M ...
NO! I'M NOT TELLING A FORTUNE!

NEVER MIND!
...
?
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE HIS WIFE HAPPY.
...
NO NEED TO BE SO HARSH...
ACTUALLY ... I THINK SO TOO...
...
...
MS. REIKO, YOU WERE OVER THE TOP!

HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FUTURE!
'CAUSE HE'S GONNA DIE!
WHEN... WHEN BOTH GEARS CONNECT... THEY'LL CREATE NEW MOVEMENT... AND NO ONE CAN STOP IT.
LIFE IS LIKE A SET OF GEARS...
BUT LIKE HE SAID, THERE'LL BE HOPE IF WE OVERCOME ...
THIS MOVEMENT WILL BRING US TO THE FUTURE.
THOUGH THEY' RE DEEP IN LOVE, THE FUTURE IS A DEPRESSING TRAGEDY.
THE GEARS OF HIS FUTURE CAN NO LONGER AVOID DEATH...

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HIS FUTURE IS INCHING TOWARDS DEATH!
NO ONE CAN STOP THE MOVING GEARS OF DESTINY!
IT'S TOO LATE!
THEY SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN TOGETHER!
...

...
REIKO, CALM DOWN FIRST.
NO!
SFX: slap!
...?
...
N...
NO...

NOT WHAT YOU DID, BUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO!
WHAT... WHAT'D I DO?
YOU PERVERTED, LOUSY LECHER!
OUCH!
WOO!
AHH!
WHAT'S THAT ...?
SFX: Slap slap slap!
I SAW IT ALL!
MR. SAEBA'S FUTURE ...
MS. REIKO?
EHH ...
I SAW ...

SO MR. SAEBA ISN'T...
...
HE'S NOT MS. REIKO'S IDEAL PARTNER EITHER.
I wonder if she's OK...?
HINDERED MY ESP? NOW THAT I'M SOBER ...
COULD IT BE... MY HANG-OVER...
...
NO... NO WAY ...
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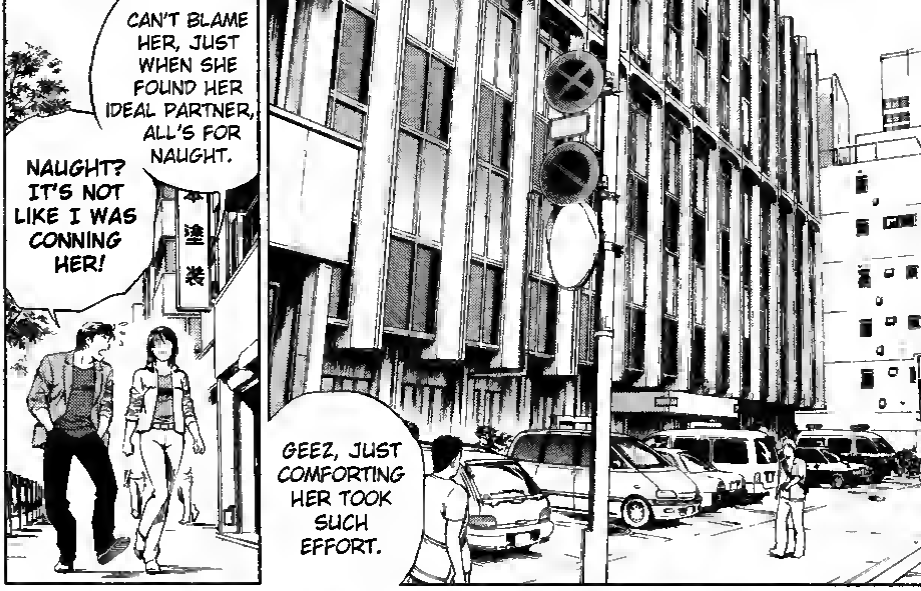
HOW CAN THIS BE!


CAN'T BLAME HER, JUST WHEN SHE FOUND HER IDEAL PARTNER, ALL'S FOR NAUGHT.
NAUGHT? IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS CONNING HER!
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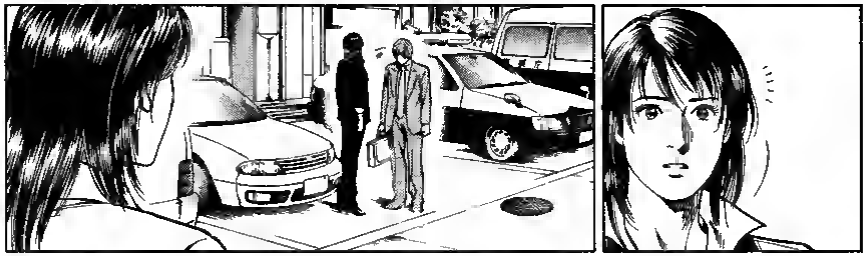
GEEZ, JUST COMFORTING HER TOOK SUCH EFFORT.

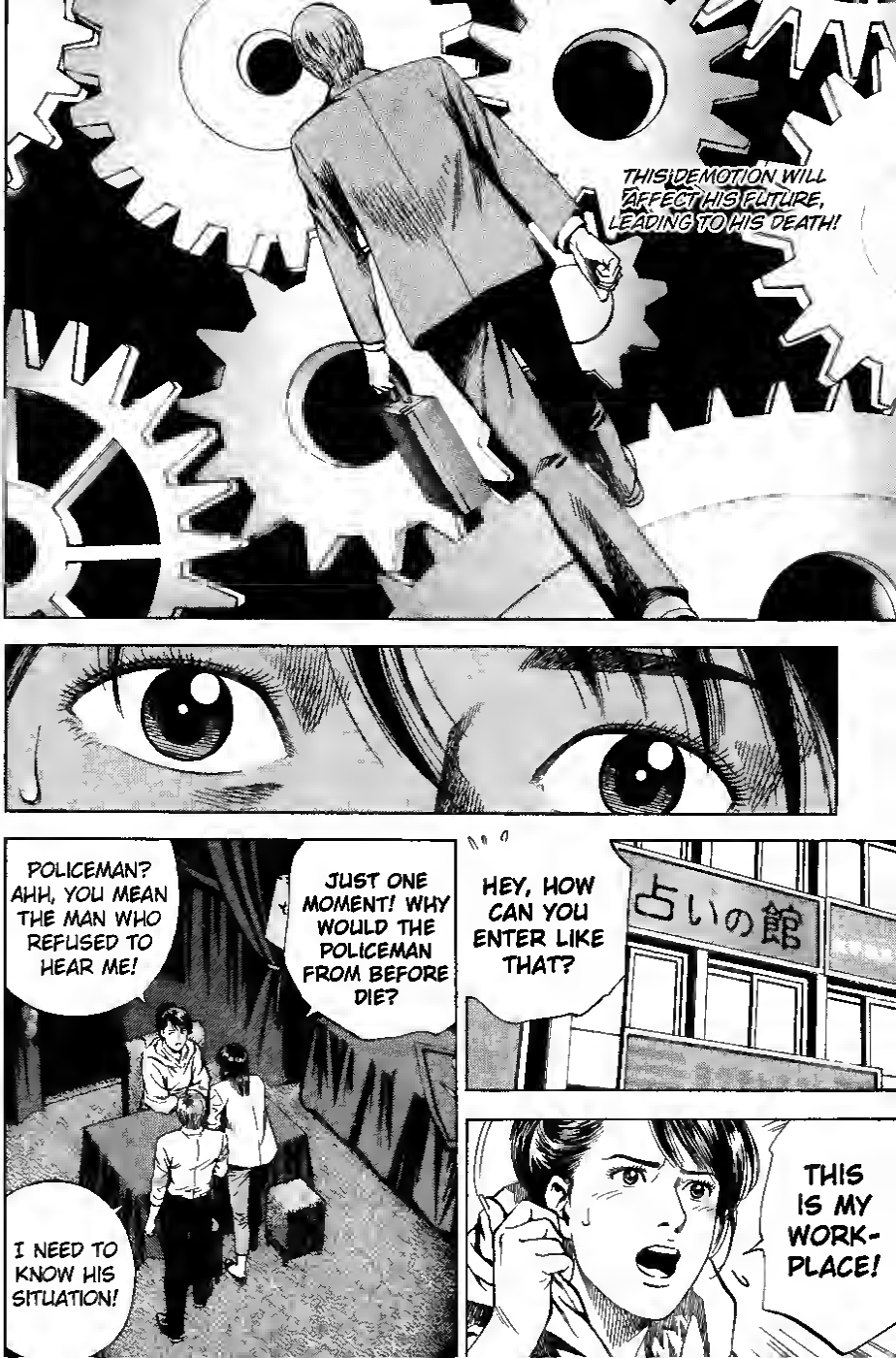


AH, SORRY ABOUT ...
IT'S ALRIGHT ...
HI!
OH, RYO, AH-SHAN.
!!
AH, THAT PERSON.

I'M SHOUGO SHIMAZU, A POLICEMAN HERE UNTIL YESTERDAY.
NOT REALLY, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW EACH OTHERS' NAMES.
AH, EXCUSE ME...
WHAT? YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
YOU NOT REGRET IT?
WOULD ...
I'LL BE GOING THEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.
THANK YOU CHIEF, FOR SEEING ME OFF PERSONALLY.
'TIL... YESTERDAY?
...
OF COURSE!

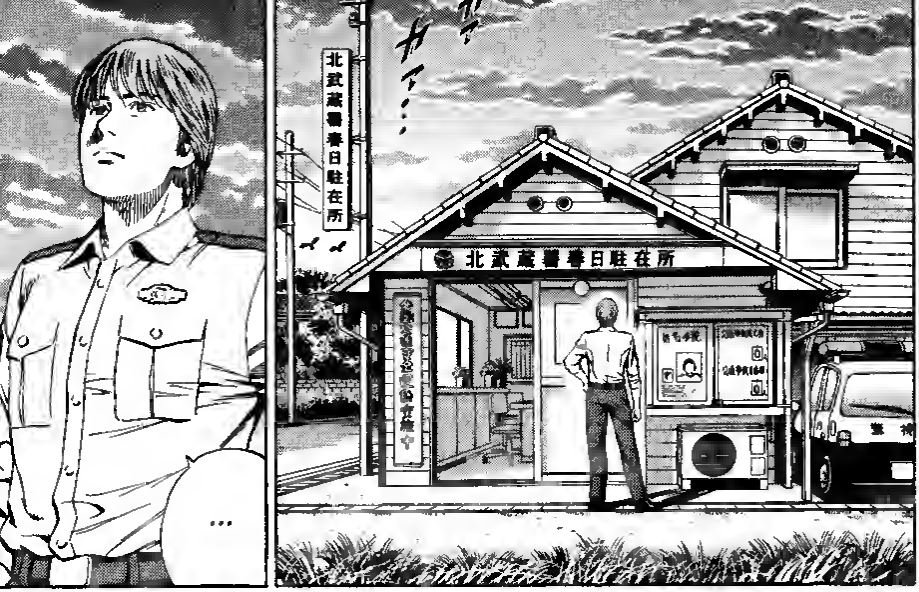
GIVING UP HIS BRIGHT FUTURE... FOR THE PERSON HE LOVES... HE'S TOO GOOD...
SAEKO ...
NOTHING ...
DEMOTED? WHAT'D HE DO?
...?
HE WAS A TALENTED YOUNG MAN WITH A GREAT FUTURE.
HE'S BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE SIDE BRANCH, AS A DEMOTION.
...
...
SHINJUKUNISHI POLICE STATION
... FOREIGN-ER...?
...
JUST MARRIED A FOREIGNER.

'CAUSE YOU CAN'T BE SURE THE SPOUSE IS NOT A SPY...
IF YOU MARRIED SUCH A FOREIGNER, YOU WOULDN'T BE PROMOTED BUT SENT TO FILL LOUSY VACANT POSITIONS.
I GUESS THE SPOUSE IS FROM A COUNTRY WHICH ISN'T AT GOOD TERMS WITH JAPAN.
THE POLICE FORCE IS AN UNFORGIVING PLACE.
NO WAY! JUST BECAUSE OF THAT ...
...
GETTING DEMOTED 'CAUSE OF MARRIAGE... IT'S CHANGED!
AS THEIR GEARS CONNECT, NEW MOTION ARISES...


THIS DEMOTION WILL AFFECT HIS FUTURE, LEADING TO HIS DEATH!
POLICEMAN? AHH, YOU MEAN THE MAN WHO REFUSED TO HEAR ME!
JUST ONE MOMENT! WHY WOULD THE POLICEMAN FROM BEFORE DIE?
I NEED TO KNOW HIS SITUATION!
HEY, HOW CAN YOU ENTER LIKE THAT?
占いの館
THIS IS MY WORK-PLACE!

THE FUTURE I SAW ...
sigh
HOW WOULD HE DIE? ILLNESS? CAR ACCIDENT? OR WHAT?
AHH ...
WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND, PROBABLY INVESTIGATING A CASE...
... WAS HIM LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD... NO ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT.
EH...
IF IT'S 'CAUSE OF A CASE, WE CAN PREVENT IT!
LET'S GO, SHANIN!
WILL HE REALLY...? TO CHOOSE LOVE BUT RECEIVE DEATH...
NOT LONG... WITHIN THIS MONTH...
WHEN WILL IT BE?

WHAT ABOUT MY REQUEST? AH, DAMN IT!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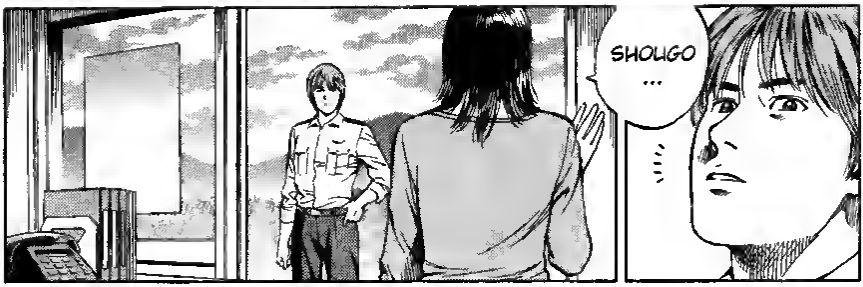
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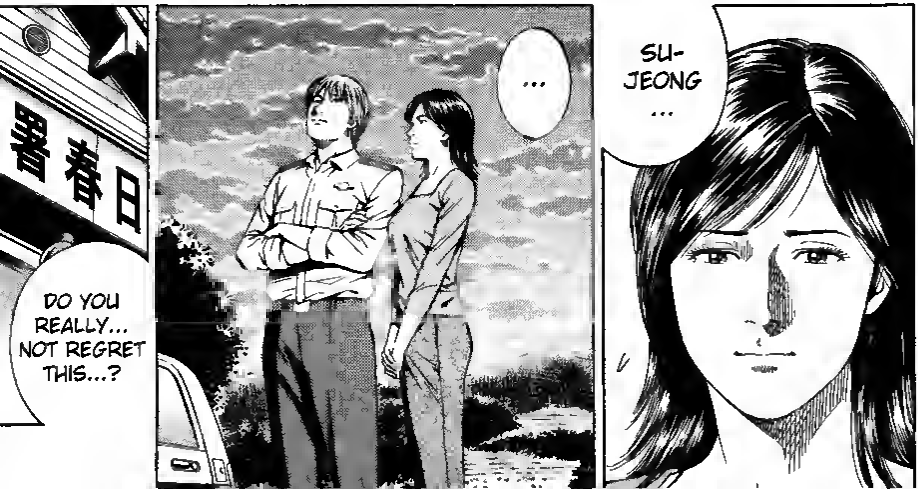
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DO YOU REALLY... NOT REGRET THIS...?
…
SU-JEONG
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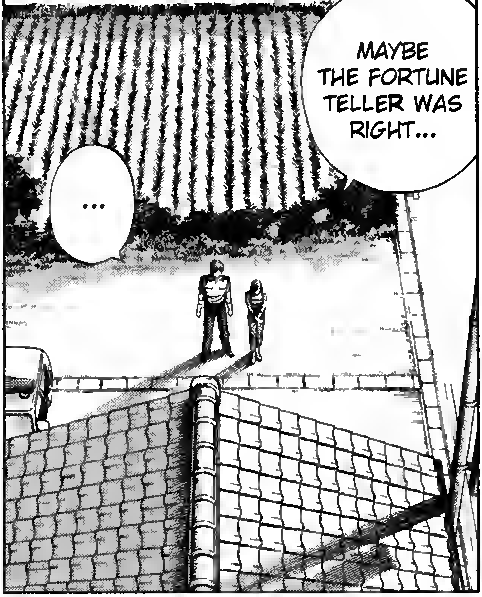
MAYBE THE FORTUNE TELLER WAS RIGHT...
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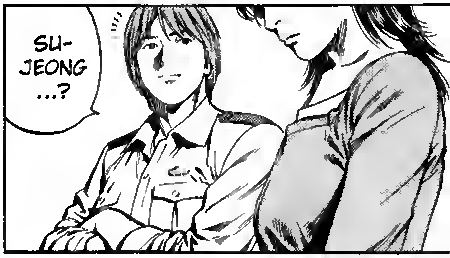
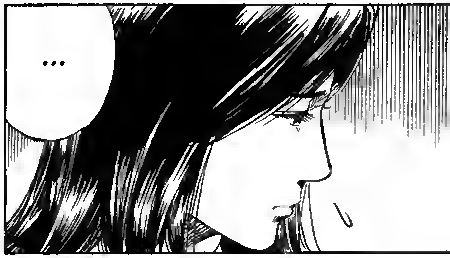

SU-JEONG ...?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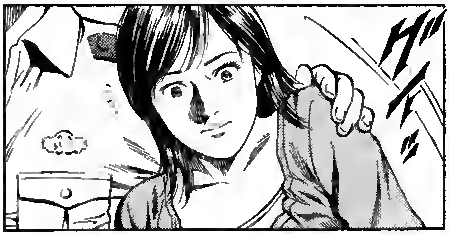
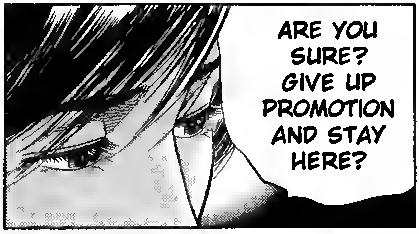
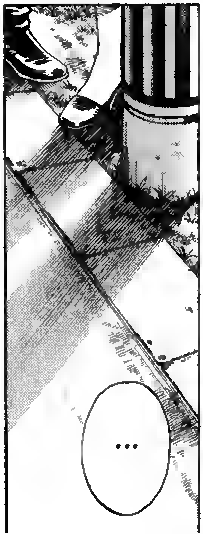



ARE YOU SURE? GIVE UP PROMOTION AND STAY HERE?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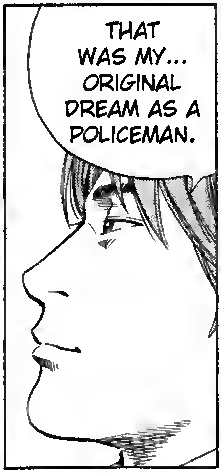
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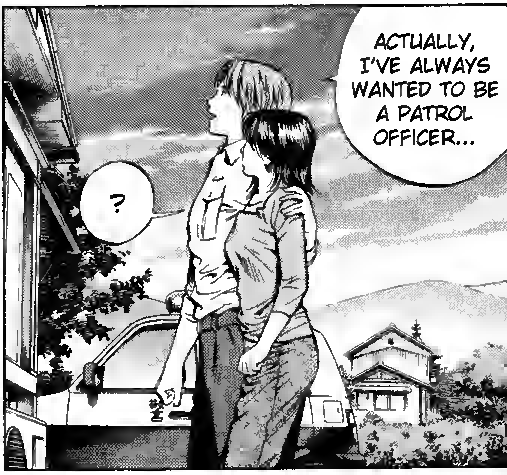
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ACTUALLY, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PATROL OFFICER...

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, THERE WAS A RESPECTED PATROL OFFICER IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
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WE CHILDREN LOVED HIM, HE WAS LIKE A FATHER TO US... TAKING CARE OF US, VERY TRUSTWORTHY.
EVERYONE WAS SAD WHEN HE RETIRED.
BUT... WHEN WAS IT THAT I FORGOT THAT BELIEF...
...
I'LL FILL HIS PLACE AS A PATROL OFFICER TO PROTECT PEOPLE.
I HELD ON TO HIM IN TEARS, BEGGING HIM NOT TO LEAVE. I DECIDED THEN...
THINKING BACK, I WAS SUCH A FOOL...
ONLY THINKING OF BECOMING SUCCESSFUL, BECOMING TEMPERAMENTAL. EVEN FORGETTING MY DEAM.

LOOK, FROM TODAY, THIS WILL BE OUR CASTLE!
I HAVE ACHIEVED MY DREAM TODAY!
SAY SU-JEONG, DO YOU KNOW HOW HAPPY I AM NOW?
OUR HOPES AND FUTURE ARE HERE!
北武蔵
OR DO YOU FEEL I'VE NO AMBITION... DISAP-POINTED?
THANK YOU!
ONLY... BY MEETING YOU, DID I REMEMBER MY CHILDHOOD DREAMS...

STUPID ...
I CAN UNDER-STAND HIS FEELINGS ...
I...
WE MUST PROTECT IT...
I WANT TO PROTECT THEIR HAPPINESS.

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